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DANGER OVER.

IRONSIDES OUT OF KWANGTUNG.

FRIENDLY RELATIONS.

Canton Vis A Vis Hong Kong And Macao.

FIRM CONTROL MAINTAINED OVER THE LABOUR UNIONISTS.

Reports from reliable sources are encouraging as they say that the Ironsides—who might have counter-attacked Canton at any time—have at last reached the border of Kiangsi province. The route followed was up the East River and then overland.

However, another message is that there are still some Ironsides at Hingning, which is on the road to Swatow's hinterland.

It seems generally agreed that the Ironsides are moving away from Canton and that they have now reached a position where danger to Kwangtung province has been materially removed. A Chinese report from Hainan Island is that Communists have risen in one part and are over-running certain inland areas.

It is pleasing to note that so far as can be perceived there is a sincere desire on the part of the governing power in Canton to restore friendly relations both with Hong Kong and Macao, and there is no doubt that this desire will be fully reciprocated by both the Colonies.

WEIHWI BESIEGED.

No respite has been given those sections of Canton labour which have been ordered by the Government to cease activities.

Large numbers of unions have either been proscribed, wound-up, closed or thrown into inactivity through pressure having been brought to bear on the officials.

The "China Mail" political correspondent understands that opinion in the administration is slightly divided.

Forbidden to Canvass.

A small section regrets the temporary passing of labour as a possible political weapon and other officials have heard the pleadings of some bona fide moderate unionists.

Orders issued by the Government are being speedily observed by the Police with the result that officials of unions which have not been proscribed have absented themselves.

Members of unions are now forbidden to canvass for new members. All the "promotion" (or initial) premises of unions in course of formation have been closed up.

NATIONALIST FOLD.

Groups at Hankow Discuss Peace.

An unexpected hitch has confronted Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's "new Government" at Nanking but his political opponents, the Kwangsi military faction (which is in power at Canton) and some Generals at Hankow are believed to have scored a success.

Up till last week, it was reported that the Hunanese Army was counter-attacking the groups at Hankow. A Chinese cable now states that peace delegates from the Hunanese have arrived at Hankow and that General Pei Chung-hsi has delayed going to the front.

Shasi, Saturday.

Reports are to hand that Japanese ships have been fired on twenty miles below Shasi.—British Naval Wireless.

Yangtze, Saturday.

From reports to hand it would appear that the stage is being set for military operations both in the Ichang and Wansien areas, and also in the vicinity of Yochow and Tungting Lake.

There are many rumours about as to the alliance and intrigues of different military leaders, but on the surface the situation on the middle and upper river shows no change.—British Naval Wireless.

A Tea Party.

Shanghai, Saturday.

According to the Kuo Min Agency the Fourth Plenary Conference was not held yesterday owing to unexpected absences, there being no quorum.

Therefore the meeting was converted into a tea party at which arrangements were discussed concerning the Conference.—Reuter.

360 MILES OFF?

Kuominchun & Peking: "Haichi" Goes Home.

Units of the Kuominchun (the army of the "Christian General") are reported by the "Kung Sheng Yat Po" to be crossing the Yellow River northward in a campaign against Peking.

The Kuominchun is said to be at Changteh, in the north-east corner of Honan province, and about 360 miles from Peking as the crow flies.

However, a handful of Fengtien troops is besieged in Weihwei where the defenders are taking part in "a second Chochow epic."

An overnight cable says that the Northern cruiser "Haichi" which came mysteriously to Hong Kong last month (and was supposed to be joining the Nationalists) has returned to Tsingtao and joined old comrades.

AFFAIRS OF STATE.

7,000 Shansi Troops, Without Arms, At Tungchow.

Peking, Saturday.

Pan Fu and other members of the Cabinet are going to Paoing-fu this afternoon officially to celebrate General Chang Hsu-liang's birthday, but it is hinted in some quarters that the question of the Presidency will be discussed by the military leaders and politicians.

Seven thousand Shansi troops with 2,000 horses from Chochow have arrived at Tungchow, where they are reorganising, but the War Ministry is at present in possession of their arms.

The Fengtien leader, General Yu Chen, who was imprisoned in the Suaiyuan area at the outbreak of hostilities against Shansi, has written several letters from Taiyuanfu, urging a Fengtien-Shansi peace. Yu Chen is being treated more as a guest than a prisoner.—Reuter.

Feng Yu-hsiang and the Missionaries.

Peking, Saturday.

The statement by General Feng Yu-hsiang that foreign Imperialists in his territory will henceforth meet with unreserved opposition apparently refers to Canadian and other missionaries in Honan, towards whom this policy seems already to have been carried out. Anyhow, authentic news has reached Peking that the Kuominchun recently looted the premises of many Canadian Presbyterians who evacuated Honan in the Spring on the advance of Feng Yu-hsiang's forces. One instance is a Girls' Boarding School which fitted up this year new beds, bedding, equipment and books. It was looted and burned. Similarly, elsewhere, missionaries report that personal and mission property has been stolen or destroyed.

The Canadians also state that many converts have been despoiled and ill-treated, some being tortured and killed.—Reuter.

VERNACULAR SCHOOL

Mr. W. W. Hornell at Govt. Middle.

ITS SPECIAL PURPOSE.

University Chief Speaks On Chinese Learning.

Mr. W. W. Hornell, Vice-Chancellor of the Hong Kong University distributed the prizes at the Government Vernacular Middle School, Salingun, at 11.30 this morning.

Supporting Mr. Hornell on the platform were Mr. A. E. Wood, Director of Education, Dr. John Fenton, Dr. Au Tai-yuen, Dr. Au Tai-tin, Dr. S. W. Tso, Mr. Y. P. Law, Inspector of Vernacular Schools, and Mr. K. H. Li, Headmaster of the Middle School.

After welcoming Mr. Hornell, Mr. Wood and the other visitors, the Headmaster read the school report for 1927.

He said: During the school year, there have been certain changes in the staff. Miss U. Gubbins joined us in February, but left in April on medical advice. In her place we welcome Dr. John Fenton who came in May, and successfully took up the responsibility of teaching much of the English work. At the beginning of the year, Dr. Au Tai-yuen took up the post vacated by the resignation of Dr. Au Tai-tin. Since last January, the staff has been strengthened by an additional member in the person of Mr. Loh Hei-tong, a well-known authority in South China on Chinese Historical Geography.

The maximum enrolment of the year was 178, and average attendance 165.84 as against 150 and 135.89 respectively in the previous year.

The school was regularly inspected by the Director of Education in February, June and October; and on his second inspection we were honoured by the company of Dr. S. W. Tso and the late Dr. Wan Mak-kai, both gentlemen being "Hok Tung" of the school, Chinese members on the Board of Education, and, above all, keen supporters and well-wishers of our institution. New entrants of the year and the school premises were medically inspected by Dr. E. M. Minett whose advice has been much appreciated.

Scholarships. Messrs. Fung Ping-shan and Li Yik-mui, in the name of a body of Chinese friends interested in our school, continued their usual generosity by giving scholarships of \$30 each per annum to students obtaining the highest position in entrance and annual examinations and to those who would otherwise be financially unable to come to study. We have to thank these gentlemen also for their kind gift of some useful furniture and a set of the Encyclopaedia Britannica in its latest edition.

Mr. Hornell's Speech. Addressing the gathering after distributing the prizes, Mr. Hornell said that he noticed in the list of successful candidates in the final examination the name of Fung Ping-wah, the son of his old friend Mr. Fung Ping-shan. He congratulated both father and son on the success. The father, Mr. Hornell said, he had known for many years, and the first and only time he went up the Yangtze was in one of Mr. Fung's ships. Mr. Hornell said that he expected at some future date to bow before Mr. Fung as a great benefactor of Chinese education, as another Rockefeller.

Proceeding to address the boys, Mr. Hornell said:—

Special Purpose. This school has been established with a special purpose, and the special purpose is to emphasise Chinese learning and at the same time not to neglect the study of English as a medium of expression. For centuries China lived her own life out off from the rest of the world by the strong ring-fence of her own peculiar civilisation, culture and traditions. The ring-fence has now many gaps in it, and amid an amazing welter of ancestral precepts, strange occidental theories and primitive passions, the Chinese peoples are stumbling blindly along an elusive track the end of which is unknown. Many

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WHO KNOWS BOOTES?

A European who gave his name as Bootes was yesterday removed to the Government Civil Hospital by the Wanchai Police. He was found wandering in Heard Street.

COURT CAN'T WAIT.

Problem of Absent Witness.

CHIEF JUSTICE'S RULING.

Chinese Bank Sues Firm For \$27,000 Odd.

What was testified by the Chief Justice as an unusual application was made by Mr. C. G. Alabaster, K.C., in the Supreme Court this morning when he asked for the adjournment of the case until after Chinese New Year owing to the absence of a witness from the Colony.

Counsel was appearing for the Yue Hong Bank who sued the Tai Hing Wo firm and Tee Chan Tam,

"SOME RAIN."

North-east winds, moderate, generally overcast, some rain, is the official weather forecast until noon to-morrow.

The anticyclone is now over south-west Japan. The monsoon will moderate along the south-east coast of China and over the N. China Sea.

both of 132, Connaught Road Central for \$27,231.12, moneys pledged due on three promissory notes issued in 1925.

Each note, said Mr. Alabaster, was for \$10,000. They were issued in January 1925, two for payment four months after date and the other for payment five months after date.

Mr. Alabaster said that a material witness had gone to Canton and had failed to return, although up to the receipt of a letter from him he (counsel) had every reason to believe that the man would have been back in time to give his evidence. He had written to say, however, that he had to remain in Canton to collect some accounts and would not be back in Hong Kong before Chinese New Year. In the circumstances counsel asked for an adjournment until after that event.

Mr. Potter Objects. Mr. Eldon Potter, K.C., leading for the other side, opposed the ap-

ARMS FOR CHINA.

90,000 Rifles For Chang Tso-lin.

Manila, To-day.

The s.s. "Praga" from Hedwich Fischer with 90,000 rifles for Chang Tso-lin from Hamburg, has received clearance papers and will probably sail this afternoon. It is reported in Nationalist circles here that a Chang Tso-lin gunboat is now in the Formosa channel waiting to escort the "Praga" to Chinwangtao.—Reuter.

plication. He said that if it was granted an impossible situation would arise. He was not prepared to accept what the other side said about the witness going away and not coming back because some accounts had to be collected.

Mr. Alabaster pointed out that it was a very special case, as they expected the man to return in time.

His Lordship said he could not be expected to await the convenience of witnesses, and did not think he should be asked to postpone a case merely because a witness said he could not come. The application for an adjournment would, therefore, be refused.

Mr. Alabaster said he would raise the matter after his opening address.

STILL GROWING.

REMARKABLE POPULATION FIGURES.

The growth in the population of the Colony is strikingly illustrated by official figures which show that the excess of arrivals over departures in Hong Kong during 1927 amounted to 28,494.

For December alone the net increase in population was 21,666.

TO-DAY'S DOLLAR.

The closing rate of the dollar, on demand, to-day was 2/0 9/16.

NEW CARAVANSERAI.

Hotel Riviera Opens at Macao.

BRIGHT CEREMONY.

Splendidly Appointed And Well Equipped Concern.

Macao's up-to-date caravan-serai, the Hotel Riviera, threw open its doors to the public yesterday afternoon 'midst the banging of crackers. H.E. the Governor, at the head of a large and distinguished gathering of residents and visitors, led the way into the building after opening the main portal with a key of gold.

Out of the remains of the old Macao Hotel has the new edifice risen and the reconditioning has been done in such a manner that one will have occasion to connect the Hotel Riviera with what once stood in its stead. The furniture and fittings and appointments are all new and, moreover, have been selected with taste and care. The old billiard table upon which wild lays, it is said, used to sit and play fan-tan is no longer there. In its place is a clean, commodious and airy lounge.

On the other side of the double-fronted glass doors is the dining room, well appointed and well set out. Along the passage, but not too far away, is the bar, also modernly constructed.

The brass rail which gives that touch (or feeling) of homeliness Lim-loc was responsible for this has been done. The bar will rank among the best in this part of the world; and that is saying something, for our taste and judgment in this direction is generally acknowledged.

Upstairs are the bed rooms, most equipped with bathroom. On the first floor nice and cosy single bedrooms, each giving plenty of room for one, and on the second floor fine big double bedrooms such as would delight the hearts of any honeymoon couple. Hot and cold water is installed in each and they all have specially designed furniture. A pink colour scheme runs through all the bedrooms and, during the hours of light, robs the chambers of that drab and lonely atmosphere which is then seen and felt.

Providing For 200.

In the dining room are 24 tables. More, if required, can quickly be erected in the lounge. Ordinarily, 100 people can sit down to meals, and a rush of twice this size can be dealt with. The Hotel is equipped, therefore, for dealing with tourist traffic, Italian chairs line the lobby, and the lounge is artistically laid out, an object of special interest being a big Chinese mirror. The oriental room, opposite the lounge, is not yet ready for use. It will have a colour scheme of red and green with Chinese scenes and decorations. Rare blackwood furniture and Chinese curios, some of great value, will adorn it. The halls and stairways are covered with fine Axminster, laid down under the supervision of Mr. Scriven, of Messrs. Lane, Crawford, Ltd., who were also responsible for the furniture and electrical fittings and upholstery.

Its Conception.

The kitchen, situated on the ground floor, with front and back entrances is thoroughly up-to-date in its appointments and "gadgets." It is under European supervision and outside catering will be undertaken. As H.E. the Governor mentioned in his address, the late Commander Leo Lim-loc was responsible for the idea which has given birth to the Hotel Riviera, and the good work of providing a modern place in which to eat and sleep has been carried on by his brother, Mr. Loo Huen-chong. Admirable advice has been given the promoters by Mr. J. P. Bourne, of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Hotels, Ltd., who worked out the whole scheme of decorations and who, with Mr. Loo and Mr. Chang, the manager, made an excellent host yesterday afternoon, when a large party of

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BAG SNATCHED.

Miss Summerstill, matron of the Kowloon Hospital, reported to the police that about 4.30 p.m., on Saturday whilst she and three ladies were walking down Kowloon Teal Gap, two Chinese crept up behind them; one man snatching from Miss Summerstill's hand a rattan bag containing some small articles worth \$5.

TO MEET DEFICIT.

Whilst I am touching on the question of general reserve your Board wish me to say that it is estimated that a deficit will be shown by the Profit and Loss Account for the current year and

CAPITAL REDUCED.

Lane, Crawford, Ltd. Meeting.

DETAILS OF PROCESS.

Differences In Valuation Values.

An extraordinary general meeting of Lane, Crawford, Ltd., was held at Exchange Building this morning when the following resolution was passed:—

"That the capital of the Company be reduced from \$1,500,000 divided into 150,000 shares of \$10 each to \$900,000, divided into 150,000 shares of \$6 each and that such reduction be effected by cancelling the capital which has been lost or is unrepresented by available assets to the extent of \$4 per share upon each of the 125,000 shares which have been issued and are now outstanding and by reducing in the nominal amount of all shares the Company's capital from \$10 to \$6 per share.

Mr. T. G. Weall, in proposing the resolution, said:—

The notice which has just been read will have informed you that it is proposed to reduce the capital of this Company from \$1,500,000 to \$900,000 by reducing the face value of the shares from \$10 to \$6 each.

The issued capital of the Company is \$1,250,000 consisting of 125,000 shares of \$10 each. You will realise, therefore, that in actual fact the amount of issued capital which is now being written off is \$500,000. The remainder is merely a reduction in the face value of unissued shares.

Your Board has now come to the conclusion that the reduction is necessary in order to place before you a sound balance sheet at the next annual general meeting. It has been decided to write off from the asset side of the balance sheet as follows:—

Goodwill	\$100,000.00
Depreciation of fixtures and fittings	65,000.00
Depreciation of Investments	324,023.51
Profit and Loss Account (less balance brought forward)	63,480.84
Goodwill As Asset	

As regards the item Goodwill your Board has come to the conclusion and I feel sure that you will agree with them, that in view of the nature of the business carried on by this Company and the adverse consequences to such a business of the disturbed conditions of the year 1925, and the resultant trade depression, the item is not a reliable asset.

When the Company changed its premises during the year 1926 it was found necessary to provide a large number of new fittings and fixtures and to abandon many of the old. Your Directors now feel that it is desirable to bring the item of fittings and fixtures in the balance sheet down to a conservative market value and in consequence to write off the amount of \$65,000.

Reasons for Reduction.

The main reason which actuated your Board when they decided to recommend the reduction of capital was the figure at which investments stood in the balance sheet. From the accounts published for the year ending February 28, 1927, it will be seen that a considerable discrepancy existed between the market quotation and the book value. Since that date the market quotation has further depreciated and your Directors are now recommending that this item be written down to the quotation ruling when the decision was arrived at.

The necessity for writing off the loss shown by the Profit and Loss Account less the balance brought forward must be quite clear to you and I do not propose to say anything further regarding this item.

The items I have dealt with amount in all to the sum of \$52,484.35, which is \$52,484.35 more than the amount by which it is now proposed to reduce the issued capital of the Company. The excess will be dealt with by applying an equivalent part of the general reserve in order to extinguish it.

To Meet Deficit.

Whilst I am touching on the question of general reserve your Board wish me to say that it is estimated that a deficit will be shown by the Profit and Loss Account for the current year and

WHITE NILE.

Opening of New Bridge To-day.

SOUDAN'S DEVELOPMENT.

Khartoum and Omdurman Now Linked Up.

Rugby, Yesterday. Another step in the development of the Sudan is marked by the announcement that the new bridge over the White Nile, connecting Khartoum and Omdurman, for foot passengers, vehicular traffic, and electric trams, will be opened to-morrow.

The bridge, which consists of seven spans, each 244 feet long and electrically operated by a swing span 304 feet long, lies across the White Nile at its junction with the Blue Nile. The roadway is 30 feet wide, and provision has been made for two footpaths, each 11 feet wide, which can be carried on brackets when the volume of traffic justifies enlargement.—British Wireless Service.

A SHARE MYSTERY.

RISE IN CHINESE ISSUES IN LONDON.

INVESTORS' DELUSION.

London, Yesterday. According to the "Observer," City authorities are completely mystified at the sensational rise in Vickers, Marconi, and Chinese loans which have doubled in value in ten days under the influence of persistent buying all over the country. It declares that apparently there is no news from China to account for the improvement. It suggests that as Vickers and Marconi issues were recently popular investors are mistakenly imagining that there is a connection between the ordinary shares of companies and Chinese issues.—Reuter.

that it is proposed to meet this also by a transfer from general reserve.

The Company's shares are, as you know, fully paid up and, therefore, as the proposed reduction of capital does not involve any reduction of assets, except in book value, no objection by the Company's creditors is anticipated. This will facilitate the Court in granting the necessary order confirming the resolution which is to-day put before you and we expect that this formality will have been complied with in time to enable us to put before you at the next annual general meeting a sound balance sheet showing the capital of the Company at a figure more in relation to the market value of its assets.

Resolution Adopted.

I now formally move the following Extraordinary Resolution:—"That the capital of the Company be reduced from \$1,500,000 divided into 150,000 shares of \$10 each to \$900,000 divided into 150,000 shares of \$6 each and that such reduction be effected by cancelling the capital which has been lost or is unrepresented by available assets to the extent of \$4 per share upon each of the 125,000 shares which have been issued and are now outstanding and by reducing the nominal amount of all shares in the Company's capital from \$10 to \$6 per share."

Before putting to the meeting the Resolution proposed by myself and seconded by Mr. Bernard Brown, which, in order to have legal effect must be passed by a majority of three-fourths of those present at this meeting, I shall be pleased to answer any questions which you may wish to put to me. The Resolution was put to the meeting and passed unanimously. The Chairman announced that the confirmatory meeting will take place on January 31.

Those present were:—Messrs. T. G. Weall (chairman), W. E. L. Shenton, Chan Tang, E. M. Raymond, R. L. Bridger, F. M. Crawford and S. J. Jordan (secretary); W. McFarlane, W. Stevenson, D. M. Goodall, J. D. Thompson, C. B. Brown, A. W. Brown and T. G. Stokes.

A second extraordinary general meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 31, at the same (noon) and place, for the purpose of receiving a report of the proceedings at the above meeting and of confirming, if thought fit, as a special resolution, the above resolution.

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HONGKONG HEIGHTS.

For the information of visitors the following list of some of the highest points on the Island and Mainland is published:—

Island.	Feet.
Victoria Peak	1823
Signal Station	1774
Mt. Parker	1784
Mountain Lodge	1725
The Eyrie	1725
Peak Hotel	1805
Tai Koo Sanatorium	1000
Mt. Davis	877
Bowen Rd. (Netherbeds)	297
Mainland.	
Taimoshan	8124
Kowloon Peak	1971

NOTICES.

HONG KONG PHILHARMONIC SOCIETY.

AN EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING will take place at the Cathedral Hall, on MONDAY, January 23rd, at 5.30 p.m.

H. J. BEST,

Hon. Secretary.

Hong Kong, 16th January, 1928.

NOTICE.

Chinese New Year Holidays.

ON account of the CHINESE NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS our Office will be CLOSED from JANUARY 23rd to 26th inclusive.

THE INTERNATIONAL DRY CLEANING & DYEING CO.

Hong Kong and Kowloon.

Hong Kong, 16th January, 1928.

HONG KONG ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY.

BURNS DINNER.

25th January, 1928.

MEMBERS desiring to be present at the above are requested to notify the undersigned as soon as possible.

E. M. BRYDEN.

c/o Lowe, Bingham & Matthews.
Hong Kong, 14th January, 1928.

HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

ANNUAL RACE MEETING.

13th, 14th, 15th & 16th February, 1928.

DRAFT PROGRAMMES and ENTRY FORMS are now ready and may be obtained at the Race Course, Hong Kong Club and Causeway Bay Stables.

Hong Kong, 15th December, 1927.

FANLING HUNT STEEPLECHASES.

SATURDAY, 21st JANUARY, at 3 p.m.

Admission to Public Enclosure \$1.00. Ladies Free. Admission to Subscriber's Enclosure on production of badge only. Subscribers can introduce Two Ladies Free and Two Non-members at \$5.00 each.

Cars parked on Racecourse \$5.00 each. Free parking arranged off the course.

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UNCLAIMED TELEGRAMS.

THE EASTERN EXTENSION AUSTRALASIA & CHINA TELEGRAPH CO., LTD.

The following Unclaimed Telegrams are lying in the E. E. Telegraph Co. office, Hong Kong:—

Brachmann Waldfag, from Manila.
Budín, from Oakland.
Exposition, from Idma.
Giraud Kremlin, from Hanoi.
Limghimkhan, care of University, from Penang.
Petrossam, from Taipei.

E. A. LEGGATT,

Superintendent.

Hong Kong, 12th January, 1928.

INDIAN STATES.

SIR LESLIE SCOTT TO ADVISE PRINCES.

POSITION OF INDIAN STATES.

London, Dec. 29. Sir Leslie Scott, P.C., K.C., has left for India to advise the Chamber of Princes in connection with the Butler Committee's enquiry.

[An earlier message stated:—Bombay, Dec. 16.—It is officially announced that the personnel of the Committee appointed to report on the relationship between the Paramount Power and the Indian States, with particular reference to the rights and obligations arising out of the treaties, engagements, sanads, usage and other causes and to enquire into the financial and economic relations between British India and the States with a view to a more satisfactory adjustment, will be as follows:—Sir Harcourt Butler, the retiring Governor of Burma (Chairman), Col. the Hon. Sidney Cornwallis Peel, formerly Financial Adviser to the Foreign Office and Professor W. S. Holdsworth, K.C., Vinerian Professor in English Law at the University of Oxford.]

[Sir Leslie Frederic Scott, P.C., K.C., M.P., has represented Liverpool Exchange in the House of Commons since 1910. He was Solicitor-General during March-October, 1922, and has taken an active part in the movement for international unification of Maritime law. He represented the British Government at the International Conference held at Brussels in 1909 and 1910, and had taken a leading part in all questions of social and industrial reform, particularly in connection with the development of agriculture and the improvement of the conditions of life affecting the rural population. Sir Leslie was Chairman of the Governors of the Agricultural Organisation Society till 1922; Chairman of the Central Association for Mental Welfare; Chairman of the Acquisition of Land Committee appointed during the war; and Chairman or member of numerous other Government Committees on reconstruction, agriculture, housing, mining, electricity supply, etc.]

ANCIENT LUXURIES.

CUSTOMS OF 3,500 B.C. BROUGHT TO LIGHT.

London, Dec. 15. Many gold relics are among the discoveries, at Ur of the Chaldees, an ancient Biblical town in Iraq, according to a report from the joint expedition sent by the British Museum and the Pennsylvania University. A Royal Prince's grave, dating probably back to 3,500 years B.C. was found to contain a gold headband, and gold wire. Nearby there were golden bowls, lamp, beads, ear-rings and rings, silver daggers, with gold hilts, gold-mounted spears, and many articles in silver and lapis lazuli. Other finds showed that the women once wore a hair-net woven with golden ribbons, from which hung beads of lapis corneol, also huge ear-pendants. Later, fashion decreed the weaving of ribbons round the tresses, which were looped overhead. The ear-rings were quite small.

RAIN-MAKING.

ELECTRIFIED SAND ON CLOUDS.

Cape Town, Dec. 13. A peculiar position has arisen in consequence of an offer by the Anti-Drought Association to conduct rain-making experiments by dropping electrified sand on clouds from an aeroplane. Farmers are asking who will be responsible if the experiments produce torrents and floods, but the Anti-Drought Association refuses to undertake the experiments unless it is freed from liability as to the results, and the controversy is still raging. The whole country is sceptical about the proposed experiments, but the farmers are desperate enough to try the scheme, provided the question of liability is settled.

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WAR ON REDS.

COMMUNISTS ROUNDED UP IN ATHENS.

ARRESTS FOR HIGH TREASON.

Athens, Dec. 12. The authorities have determined to begin a round-up of the "Reds," a number of whom have been arrested, including two journalists, and charged with high treason, in connection with a movement for the autonomy of Macedonia and Thrace.

Hundreds of Communists demonstrated outside Parliament House, and sang the "Red Flag," while Parliament was discussing a recommendation from the Judicial Committee for the prosecution of ten Communist deputies on a similar charge.

The sitting was adjourned.

TROTSKY ON STALIN.

"His Brainless Policy."

Berlin, Dec. 12. The most outstanding figure in Russia at present is M. Trotsky. Fearing summary processes by the O.G.P.U., he has been living "underground." He appears at meetings of his adherents, but nobody knows whence he comes nor whither he goes. Although he has no home of his own, his supporters are so numerous that thousands of dwellings offer an open door to M. Trotsky.

In a special interview with M. Trotsky published in Berlin he makes a remarkable attack on his former allies. "The dictatorship of the proletariat has degenerated into the personal regime of the ruling clique," he said, "which has deprived the workers of freedom of speech, assembly and professional defence of class interests. The Russian workers, who defended the revolution on the barricades are compelled to work ten hours daily for a miserable pittance. It cannot be borne longer. Hence the chief demand of the Opposition, namely the democratisation of the Communist Party and the restoration of freedom to the workers. That is all that matters."

"Until the personal dictatorship of M. Stalin and his clique is destroyed, we will not suspend the struggle. His brainless policy has brought the country to economic catastrophe. His foreign policy has proved a complete fiasco. An entirely new economic policy was based on the assistance of foreign capital. The capitalists proved less naïve than our diplomats. While continually raising hopes with promises of credit, they have made use of the armistice declared by us to strengthen their positions, with the result that the Soviet is economically isolated. This means the same old dilemma—either a Socialist Federation or a capitalist Europe."

WORK OF THE SOVIET.

Communist's Claim.

London, Dec. 14. The Riga correspondent of "The Times" states that M. Bukharin, in a three-day speech to the Communist Congress, emphasised the new developments maturing in China.

"It is false," he said, "to say that we have been defeated in China. Already we have excited the workers and peasants, and although tens of thousands have perished in the struggle the reserves are truly colossal. The apathetic peasantry has begun to respond to agitation, and a rising in one district has resulted in the killing of 300 landowners."

Cheers and cries of: It is too few. We must kill more. M. Bukharin shouted: You are right. We must and shall kill more. We need not be downhearted.

M. Bukharin added that it was difficult to employ Chinese methods in India, where the British manœuvre and estranged many Nationalist supporters of the Soviet. The unrest in Syria, Egypt, and Morocco proved the success of the revolutionary plans.

COMMUNIST CONFERENCE.

M. Bukharin Again.

London, Dec. 15. The Riga correspondent of "The Times" says: "Beware of America and American industrial tendencies," the latest slogan of M. Bukharin, who is continuing his tirades at the Communist Congress.

He declared: "that the British workers and employers were dangerously inclined to adopt the worst American methods of regulating industrial relations, including workers investing in employing companies' shares. It was merely an employers' and bankers' trick further to exploit the workers who banked their dividends. The result was that the capitalists were doubly parasitic, as they were able to use the money borrowed from the workers. Such a devilish system must be estranged from Europe."

"Another disgusting sign of the English tendency towards industrial reconciliation, which is abominable. The workers must make most strenuous efforts to prevent all forms of arbitration, such as striving to abrogate the class war, which has made the Socialists very hateful to true Communists and proletarians."

GOVERNORS.

GOVERNMENT AND METHOD OF APPOINTMENT.

IMPERIAL RATIFICATION.

London, Dec. 17. The Imperial authorities do not dissent from the generalisation by the Vice-President of the Irish Free State (Mr. Ernest Blythe) concerning the changed conditions of the appointment of Dominion Governor-General as illustrated by the appointment of Mr. James McNeill as the new Governor-General of the Irish Free State. But they do not commit themselves to his precise terms namely, "The appointment of a Governor-General is entirely a matter for the Dominion Government concerned. He is appointed by the King solely on the advice of the Dominion Government."

The Imperial authorities, while admitting that the Irish Free State has instituted a new order of procedure following the last Imperial Conference and thereby probably establishing a precedent for other dominions as gubernatorial vacancies occur, pointed out that the change was more in form than in fact. In the past Governors had not been appointed to Dominions or States without their explicit concurrence. They instanced appointments initiated by Dominions and States and therefore ratified Imperially, although the procedure was not made public. The Imperial Conference decisions had not affected State Governorships, but should anomalies develop in relation to the appointment of an Australian Governor-General or State Governors, that would be a matter for inter-imperial consultation and adjustment.

WAR SECRETS.

WHAT "ROOM 40" AT ADMIRALTY DID.

SIGNALS INTERCEPTED.

London, Dec. 13. Room 40, in the Admiralty Department, was devoted during the war to intercepting and decoding enemy wireless messages. It was called "Room 40" to prevent people from inquiring into its activities, and thus its secret did not leak out. Very few officials or officers of the fleet were aware of its existence.

"It was the best kept secret in the war," said Sir Alfred Ewing, now principal of Edinburgh University and formerly Director of Naval Education, whom Mr. Winston Churchill, on the outbreak of the war, requested to handle enemy ciphers. "The department grew until it was staffed by fifty cryptographers."

Sir Alfred, addressing the Philosophical Institute at Edinburgh, declared that eavesdropping, usually ignoble, became, in war, time, a high vocation. He established many listening posts, he said, where enemy signals were intercepted, and from where they were telegraphed to Whitehall—often at the rate of two thousand a day.

He went on to say that they knew almost everything the German fleet was doing, and the British fleet was thereby enabled to give battle at Dogger Bank and Jutland. From December, 1914, the German fleet made more without the Admiralty knowing it beforehand. The alleged British stupidity was a most valuable asset. It was only after the war that Germany discovered how she had been hoodwinked. The Germans frequently changed their cipher keys, but "Room Forty" became so expert that the changes made no difference. Zeppelins and submarines going home were particularly talkative.

Other decoded messages threw much preliminary light on the Easter rebellion in Ireland, and another one, showing Germany's offer of an alliance with Mexico, when the United States was warring, reached "Room 40," and was passed on to Ambassador Page in the strictest secrecy. Its subsequent publication in the United States resolved public opinion in favour of war.

MURDERER'S FATE.

ASKS FOR CIGARETTE ON SCAFFOLD.

Adelaide, Dec. 16. For the murder of a young woman named Devina Nellie Schmit at a vicarage at Bridgewater, in the Adelaide Hills, on October 12, William Ephraim Haines (35) was executed at the Adelaide Gaol today. Prior to his death the condemned man expressed penitence for his crime and gratitude for the consideration shown him by officials and others. He asked for a cigarette as he was about to ascend the scaffold, and was handed with a cigarette in his lips.

IRAQ OILFIELDS.

A DIRECT SHARE FOR FRANCE.

TRILATERAL AGREEMENT.

Paris, Saturday. M. Briand has informed the Chamber Committee that a trilateral agreement will shortly be designed, whereby France will be given a direct share in the working of the Iraq oilfields on an equal footing with British and American interests.

"Le Matin" says that France is accordingly entitled to 23½ per cent, equivalent to 900,000 tons of crude oil yearly, or half the amount she imports.—Reuter.

BALKAN AFFAIRS.

MUSSOLINI RESENTS NEW TREATY.

BRITAIN AND PEACE.

London, Dec. 11. The Geneva correspondent of "The Times" says:—"The conference between Sir Austen Chamberlain and Sir R. W. Graham was obviously connected with Franco-Italian relations. Undoubtedly Signor Mussolini is very anxious that Italy should preponderate in Balkan affairs and he resents the Franco-Yugo-Slavian treaty chiefly because it challenges that preponderance. It is believed here that he might be willing to relax some of Italy's pretension in the Western Mediterranean in return for a free hand in the waters and territories east of Italy."

Differences Discussed. Geneva, Dec. 11. Replying to questions by journalists to-day, Sir Austen Chamberlain said:—"The British Ambassador to Rome (Sir R. W. Graham), visited Geneva to enable me to get a better understanding of the Italian policy and aims. Britain is always ready to assist toward peace. She does not contemplate any particular action in connection with Italy."

"Do not take over-tragically the Franco-Italian differences occasionally arising. Their bickering has become acute and it is time both called a halt but there is little detente in the situation. There is no immediate prospect of M. Briand and Signor Mussolini meeting. I wish there was greater agreement regarding Albania, but it is not necessary to take a tragic view. Nobody wants to disturb peace."

A GERMAN FAKIR.

"BURNED" FOR 120 HOURS.

Berlin, Dec. 12. The "Fakir" was exhumed at Stuttgart on Saturday night in the presence of a large crowd apparently none the worse for his 120 hours burial. [The "Fakir" in question was a man of German extraction who had studied Indian Fakir methods. He was placed in a glass coffin and lowered into a "grave" in the presence of a medical man. For a small fee the public were allowed to see his face through a small tube-like arrangement which pierced the earth above the coffin.]

SHARK FATALITY.

17-YEAR-OLD BOY'S LEG TAKEN OFF.

Mossel Bay (Cape Colony), Dec. 30. While a 17-year-old boy, Okerk Heyns, was bathing with a number of others in water waist-deep, a huge shark attacked him, taking off his left leg above the knee and partially severing his right foot. The lad was taken to hospital, where he died of his injuries a few hours later.

This is the first time that a shark has been known to attack a human being in these waters.

U. S. CHEMICALS.

FOREIGN SYNDICATES' PROGRESS.

Washington, Saturday. In consequence of the progress made by international chemical syndicates in American markets the leaders of the American chemical industry have been summoned to meet Government officials at Washington on February 1.—Reuter's American Service.

BEN-HUR

COMING SHORTLY.

Watch For Opening Date.

"MIXED" MARRIAGES.

HINDU AND MOHAMEDAN CEREMONIES.

THEIR CONSEQUENCES.

Mr. De Gruyther, K.C., the Autumn Reader at the Middle Temple in accordance with the ancient custom of Readings, revived by Mr. Justice McCordie in his capacity as Lent Reader last May, delivered a Reading after dinner in hall on the subject of Mixed Marriages.

Mr. De Gruyther said that the very essence of a Christian marriage was the voluntary union of one man to one woman to the exclusion of all others for life. But polygamy was allowed under both the Hindu and Mahomedan laws, so that entirely different considerations applied to a marriage between an English woman and a Hindu or a Mahomedan than between two English people. He proposed to confine his address to the case of a Hindu or Mahomedan domiciled in India going through a ceremony of marriage in England with an English woman, and to consider three aspects: (1) validity, (2) dissolution, and (3) rights of inheritance consequent on the marriage.

The Hindu conception of marriage was not that of a civil contract, but a sacrament. Various religious ceremonies were performed. The object of a Hindu marriage was to obtain a son, for the soul of a Hindu was saved from "put" the equivalent of hell, by religious offerings made by his son. In Bengal, priority in inheritance depended upon the efficacy of the religious offerings which could be made by the heir.

The Hindu law did not permit a marriage between the members of one caste of Hindus and another India to legalise a marriage between a Hindu man and a Mahomedan woman was absolutely invalid. Equally, by Hindu law, a marriage ceremony between a Hindu and an English woman, wherever celebrated, would be held in India, the country of his domicile, to be wholly invalid. But if a Hindu renounced his religion this prohibition of the Hindu law would cease to operate, and he could probably legally marry in England before a registrar. There would still be left in doubt the precise matrimonial relations resulting from such a marriage, and also the method by which his estate would be distributed on his death intestate.

He thought it desirable that legislation should be introduced in India to legalise a marriage between a Hindu and an English woman, to determine the legal incidents thereof, and to make rules as to inheritance.

Mahomedan Law. By the Mahomedan law marriage was a civil contract, involving no religious element or ceremonial for its validity. A marriage with an idolatrous woman was prohibited, and as a result a Mahomedan could not marry a Moslem. In a marriage between a Mahomedan and a woman belonging to the "Scriptural" sects, or believing in God, was valid, and therefore a Mahomedan could validly marry an English woman. Such a marriage before a registrar in England would be recognised by the law of India. Under Mahomedan law a Mahomedan could have four wives living at the same time.

The question of dissolution of marriage must be settled by the law of the domicile—namely, India. Hindu law did not permit divorce, but a Mahomedan could divorce his wife at will without recourse to any court. This arbitrary power was checked by the husband's liability under a pre-nuptial contract to pay his wife a dowry at the termination of the marriage either by divorce or his death. In the latter event the dowry was a first charge on the estate like other debts. A wife could not divorce her husband, but could, for sufficient cause, live apart from him and be entitled to an allowance.

On the question of inheritance, the wife would take nothing under the Hindu law, nor would her children of the union. Under Mahomedan law the widows would all take one-fourth, the rest going to other relatives if there were no children. If there were children the widows would take only a one-eighth share.

The Reader then discussed what relief was open to an English wife in England against an Indian husband domiciled in India. In his opinion she could not get a divorce or judicial separation. If remedial legislation were enacted, conditions might be imposed prohibiting such marriages if the husband already had a wife living at the time of the marriage, and prohibiting a husband from marrying a second wife while his marriage with the English woman was still subsisting. Such restrictions would be in conformity with modern developments in India, where there was a growing tendency against polygamy, which, moreover, was now actually forbidden in Turkey.

The American translation of the Old Testament, published by the University of Chicago, will probably arouse criticism. "You" and "Your" are substituted for "Thou" and "Thine." The King James version of Genesis, chapter III, verse 8—"And they heard the voice of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day," reads in the American wording, "But when they heard the sound of the Lord God taking a walk in the garden for his daily airing," etc. "Thou shalt walk through the valley of the shadow of death," becomes "Even though I walk in the darkest valley."

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SHIPPING SECTION.

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TRIAL OF A SHIPOWNER
IN CARDIFF.

A YEAR'S IMPRISONMENT.

Not for many years has so much interest been focused on any prosecution to do with shipping as in regard to the trial, concluded in November last, of Mr. Watkin James Williams, the Cardiff shipowner, who was charged with being a party to sending the s.s. "Eastway" and "Tideway" to sea in an unseaworthy state. The main indictments were that in October, 1926, he was a party to sending the "Eastway" to sea in such condition that the lives of persons on board were likely to be endangered thereby; that in July, 1926, he was similarly a party to sending the "Tideway" to sea in a like condition; and that again in April, 1927, he was guilty of a further offence still in connection with the "Tideway." The "Eastway" was lost in a hurricane off Bermuda in October, 1926, the master and 23 of the crew being drowned when she foundered; and it was on the loss of this vessel that the main basis of the charges rested. Her fatal voyage in October, 1926, was from Virginia, U.S.A., to Pernambuco with a cargo of coal for a Brazilian railway company. She arrived at Norfolk, Virginia, with 80 tons of bunkers on board. The charter provided that she should carry not less than 7,500 tons and not more than 8,000 tons. The master was ordered by Williams to take this cargo and the necessary bunkers to carry the ship to Pernambuco, then to the River Plate, and across the Atlantic to Las Palmas. Accordingly, when she got to Norfolk, she proceeded to carry out these instructions. She, in fact, took 7,705 tons of cargo and 1,718 tons of bunker coal—a total of 9,502 tons. The voyage was a winter one, and allowing the maximum allowance for the brackish water at Norfolk, she sailed with a draft of 29 feet and one inch, as against an allowed maximum of 27 feet 11 inches. Every inch meant 40 tons; every inch meant increased risk to the lives of those on board; every inch meant more profit to the shipowner. She sailed 13 inches overladen; she sailed with 882 tons more than her deadweight winter capacity according to the shipbuilders' plans. She was not very far out when she met bad weather. Somewhere in the neighbourhood, but not actually in the path she crossed, there was a hurricane blowing, and although she was some distance away the result was heavy gale weather and violent seas. The result was that she gradually took a list, the tarpaulins washed away, and water poured in through the hatches. The Captain made a gallant attempt to retrieve the situation, but was washed overboard and drowned. Signals of distress were sent out, and on the evening of October 23 she foundered, 23 of her crew of 55 being drowned. Twelve managed to get into the lifeboats and

were rescued by ships that answered the calls for help. That, very briefly, is the story of the loss of the "Eastway."

The case of the "Eastway" is one which has come into the full glare of public light; it was proved at the trial that Watkin James Williams, the registered owner, was guilty of deliberately sending the ship to sea in an unseaworthy condition in that under his express instructions she carried far more cargo and bunkers than was either compatible with a reasonable degree of safety or in compliance with the regulations regarding overloading. He is now paying a penalty in one year's imprisonment, a punishment which seems absurdly light in view of the extreme gravity of the offence of which he was proven guilty. Some may hold that Williams has been unfortunate in being found out for an offence which is not exactly rare, and which is committed by other shipowners in other parts of the world who rely mostly on the elasticity of existing regulations or on the absence of any strict regulations at all. That may be so, but the case of Mr. Williams and the "Eastway" ought at least to give such other owners seriously to consider whether they, too, do not occasionally commit an offence comparable in principle, if not degree, with that of Mr. Williams. In this connection, we feel we cannot do better than reproduce a portion of the comments made when the inquiry into the loss of the "Eastway" was held last year, for they appear to us to be as apposite now as they were then—

... as the law stands in the matter to-day, an unscrupulous shipowner might consider the prospect of being mulcted in a fine as an ordinary hazard in the way of business. Fortunately, in regard to British shipping, disregard of safety regulations is comparatively rare; but if and when such disregard is discovered the delinquent should be made to realise that wittingly to endanger the lives of officers and men in order to make a little more money is very bad business; even though, in the case of some small shipowners on the China Coast, such disregard has proved very good business in the past. There are perils enough in connection with the sea without mercenary and unscrupulous shipowners adding to them for the sake of mere pelf. Further, the position of the master of a vessel owned by one of the soulless creatures, or by a combination of the soulless creatures, who consider that, whatever the present or probable weather conditions, their vessels should carry just as much as they can hold, and no less, is anomalous and unenviable in the extreme. If the master of such a ship receives orders to overload his ship, he is almost literally between the devil and the deep sea. If he obeys the orders, he is putting the ship and all on board her in jeopardy; if he refuses to obey them, he stands every chance of losing his employment. There have been such instances in this part of the world, and they are by no means unknown to-day, though fortunately most of them are not in connection with British ships or British owners. The China Coast is practically hopeless so far as many aspects of safety are concerned; but it is to be hoped that in regard to British shipping the widespread attention that has been drawn to the case of the good ship "Eastway" of Cardiff will be productive of some good result in Cardiff if nowhere else.

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DEPARTURES.

Passengers leaving Hong Kong for Australian ports via Manila by the s.s. "Taiping" on January 14 were:—

Mr. A. C. Ellis, Mr. S. G. Boydell, Mrs. D. Sheahan, Miss B. Osborne, Mr. D. Sheahan, Mr. V. Sheahan, Mr. and Mrs. G. Rushton, Miss J. P. McKay, Miss Doris Johnstone, Mr. Kim-foo, Mow Tong, George Lock Lee, Hoy Show, Lor On, Lee Sze, P. W. Lee Sze, C. Chong, Mr. Tong Ping-sun, Mr. Lee Hoong-yuen, Mrs. Sam Moy, Miss Goot Sim, Mrs. Cheu Moy, R. A. L. O'Young, P. L. C. Wong, Mrs. S. R. Hinds and infant, A. P. Choy, J. C. Wong, Mrs. C. M. Choy, Miss W. Choy, Mr. I. Choy, Mrs. Chow Shee, Miss F. Young, Mr. W. Young, H. Young.

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TO-DAY'S ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES.

THIS MORNING'S LIST.

City of Calcutta (4,899) British, from Glasgow, Manila.—Bank Line—6 passengers, 70 tons general cargo for Hong Kong.
Yachting (1,424) British, from Shanghai, Swatow, Jardine's—5 passengers, 515 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 1,028 tons general (through).
Borneo (1,297) British, from Haiphong, Hoilow, Shun Tai S.S. Co.—69 passengers, 1,200 tons general cargo for Hong Kong.
Shantung (1,570) British, from Shanghai, Swatow.—B. & S.—211 passengers, 1,000 tons general (through).
Nellere (4,250) British, from Antwerp, Singapore, Mackinnon, Mackenzie, 15 passengers, 630 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 4,626 tons general (through).
Tijssels (3,613) Dutch, from Dairen, Amoy.—C. I. L.—110 passengers, 3,720 tons general cargo (through).
Kojun Maru (1,305) Japanese, from Dairen, Taigiao.—M. B. K.—1,800 tons general cargo for Hong Kong.
Taikwa Maru (1,294) Japanese, from Haiphong, Hoilow.—O. S. K.—190 passengers, 630 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 30 tons general (through).
Shinsai Maru No. 1 (2,711) Japanese, from Chinwangtao.—Dodwell & Co.—5,330 tons coal for Hong Kong.
Devavongse (1,022) Chinese, from Hoilow, Chan Yue Seng.—1,788 tons general cargo for Hong Kong.
Tai Fook Sing (1,406) Chinese, from Saigon, Hoilow, Chan Yue Seng.—162 passengers, 2,200 tons general cargo for Hong Kong.
Chung King (245) Chinese, from K. C. Wan, Hong On.—75 tons general cargo for Hong Kong.

Clearance.

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For Singapore—Durban Maru.
For Chinwangtao—Daioboshi Maru.
For Shanghai—Tajima Maru.
For Keelung—Amazon Maru.

Clearances.

For Shanghai—Nellere.

Shipping Abstract.

	Arrivals	Departures	In Port
British	8	9	22
Japanese	7	9	6
Norwegian	0	2	9
Chinese	8	6	19
Danish	0	1	0
Dutch	2	0	8
French	0	4	0
German	1	1	0
American	1	2	0
Swedish	1	1	0
Panama	0	0	1
Mexican	0	0	1
Portuguese	0	0	3
	28	35	67

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MONTEVIDEO MARU Friday, 10th February.
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SUMATRA MARU (calls at Karachi) Friday, 20th January.
HONOLULU MARU Friday, 8th February.
SHINGO MARU Tuesday, 7th February.
DURBAN, DELAGOA BAY, BEIRA, DAR-ES-SALAAM, ZANZIBAR AND NOMBASA—Via Singapore and Colombo.
CHICAGO MARU Tuesday, 31st January.
CALCUTTA—Via Singapore, Penang and Rangoon.
SEATTLE MARU Tuesday, 24th January.
VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA & VANCOUVER Via Japan Ports.
AFRICA MARU (from Shanghai) Monday, 23rd January.
HAIPHONG—Via HOIHOW & PAKBOI.
MENADO MARU Tuesday, 17th January, 10 a.m.
TAIKWA MARU Tuesday, 31st January, 10 a.m.
NEW YORK—Via Japan ports, San Francisco & Panama.
HAVANA MARU Friday, 6th January.
JAPAN PORTS
INDO MARU Sunday, 15th January.
BINGO MARU Tuesday, 24th January.
KEELUNG Via SWATOW & AMOY.
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MAIWA	10,938	4th Feb.	Marseilles, London.
KHYBER	9,114	18th Feb.	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull
NELLORE	6,853	25th Feb.	Marseilles & London
MACEDONIA	11,120	8th Mar.	Marseilles & London
* KHIVA	9,135	10th Mar.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
KASHMIR	9,885	17th Mar.	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull
KARMA	9,128	24th Mar.	Marseilles & London
MANTUA	10,946	31st Mar.	Marseilles & London
* KALYAN	9,144	7th Apr.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
MONGOLIA	16,504	14th Apr.	Marseilles & London
MOREA	10,963	28th Apr.	Marseilles & London
KASGAR	9,005	15th May	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
MALWA	10,986	28th May	Marseilles & London
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S.S. "CITY OF DURHAM" Via Suez Canal	28th Mar.
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On October 4 the Schichau works, the famous shipbuilding yards, engineering workshops and foundries of the Baltic, celebrated their 90th anniversary. The beginnings of this great industry were modest. Its nucleus, a small workshop, employing eight work-people, was founded in 1837 by Ferdinand Schichau, the 84-year-old son of an Elbing brass-founder. Schichau was himself to direct the affairs of the undertaking for nearly 60 years. The firm has to its credit many notable achievements. In 1841 it built the first steam dredger in Germany. In the middle of the 19th century, on the transition from wood to steel ship construction, Schichau, who had hitherto occupied himself, so far as marine construction was concerned, solely with the manufacture of engines, founded the shipbuilding yard at Elbing. Here was launched in 1854 the first propeller-driven steamship which was built in Prussia, and which, apportioned enough, bore the name of "Borussia," the first recorded version of "Prussia" (Bo-Russia—Near Russia). In 1890 inadequate water facilities at Elbing led to the laying-down of the yards at Danzig. Later on a considerable share of the activities of the yards was devoted to naval construction, especially of torpedo-boats. Since their first founding they have launched 1,200 vessels, including the "Columbus," at present the largest German passenger and freight steamer, which was built for the account of the North German Lloyd in 1923. The yards now comprise stocks for 22 vessels. The locomotive workshops were opened in 1860. In 1881 the firm produced the first triple-expansion steam engine on the Continent. Later the manufacture of turbines, Diesel motors, boilers, and cranes was undertaken; in 1897 the Schichau steel foundry, now the largest of its kind in North Germany, turning out castings up to 80 tons, was established. The present total area of the company's works and yards is 1½ million square metres.

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RUMOUR EXCITES HOME
YARDS.

Although it appears to be clear from the announcement of the directors that the new issue of a million pounds' worth of Cunard capital is in the ordinary way of business, rumour-mongers in shipping circles have been busy, according to a Home shipping journal. There is again talk of the super-Cunarder that will replace the "Mauretania" when that wonderful record-breaker is finally worn out, and there is the usual discussion as to whether great size or great speed will be aimed at. There is something more than rumour in this for it is understood that the company has completed the plans of such a vessel for some considerable time past, but has wisely declined to keep the details secret until a later date. Even the "Mauretania" cannot last for ever, although she is still as fast as ever she was and is quite capable of giving the new North German Lloyd record-breakers a stiff run for their money next year. She is a magnificent example of British shipyard workmanship, and has been maintained with the utmost care, so that she has quite a number of years of life before her. The company has no desire to divulge its plans until it has full details of the intentions of the North German Lloyd Company with its new record breakers, the White Star Line with the great new "Oceanic" for whose construction at Belfast all preparations have been made, and the Hamburg-Amerika Line, which since the war has stuck to medium-sized vessels of comparatively slow speed, but which is known to have big plans for the future. In the meantime both the Clyde and the Tyne are excited over the prospects of the order, for they have both turned out many ships for the Cunard service in the past.

MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Russia" left Yokohama, for Vancouver on Friday at 5 p.m., and is due at Vancouver on January 22.
The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Asia" (Capt. A. J. Halley, R.N.R.) will leave here for Victoria and Vancouver, B.C., via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe and Yokohama at noon on January 25.
The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Australia" arrived Bombay on January 10 at 6.30 a.m. She is due at Hong Kong on February 10 at 8 a.m.

A notice to mariners states that the wooden Chinese steamer "Fok-lee" has foundered one cable south of Tessen's Main Island. Approximate position, latitude 25deg. 45½ ft. W., longitude, 119deg. 40.2 ft. E.

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Tiau via Swatow & Shai	FOOSHING	Sun., 29th Jan., at 7 a.m.
Osaka v. Amoy, Moji & Kobe	KUTSANG	Wed., 18th Jan., at 7 a.m.
Osaka v. Amoy, Moji & Kobe	FOOKSANG	Mon., 13th Feb., at 7 a.m.
Osaka via Amoy, Shanghai, Moji & Kobe	LAISANG	Sun., 29th Jan., at 7 a.m.
Canton	YATSHING	Tues., 17th Jan., at 2 a.m.
Canton	FOOSHING	Thurs., 19th Feb., at 4 a.m.
Straits and Calcutta	NAMSANG	Wed., 1st Feb., at 3 p.m.
Straits and Calcutta	KUMSANG	Tues., 7th Feb., at 3 p.m.
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A paper read before the members of the Society of Naval Architects and Marine Engineers in New York is of particular interest to shipbuilders and engineers. In "The Design of Superstructures for Large Passenger Ships," Mr. Carl E. Petersen and Mr. Lorentz Hansen agreed with the statement that the structural design of large deck-houses in passenger steamers merited a larger share of technical discussion than it had yet received, not only because modern houses were so large and costly, but also because there were very wide differences in the structure of similar ones. It might be said that the "ailments" of deckhouses received as much attention as they deserved, seeing they were not organic and did not affect the seaworthiness of the ship, but they were often so serious that they called for diagnosis. The fact that some houses were practically immune from weakness suggested that healthy design was possible for all. The American writers worked out the technique of the subject on lines showing that account should be taken of the weights of the passenger accommodation, boats, equipment, etc.; that special consideration should be given to the sections in way of the boiler and engine castings, with heavy casing bulkheads and stacks supported by the superstructure; and showing also how the calculations necessary for the determination of the transverse structural members of the superstructure may be easily made, and that adequate and efficient transverse support is of prime importance, owing to its bearing upon longitudinal strength.

tiller lead aft in those "good old days," then there would be no need now to call for a change. Just before the war broke out the matter was well under way to be altered, and many were the opinions of mercantile marine officers and pilots set forth in your columns. The war put an abrupt end to the subject. The time has now arrived for further discussion, and if possible to bring the order up to date, and that is, let the order "port" mean everything to port and the order "starboard" mean everything to starboard—wheel, rudder, tell-tale and ship's head—a case of following nature and not fashion.

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Hong Kong, 5th January, 1928.

HELM ORDERS.

ECHO OF "GOOD OLD
DAYS."

Captain D. Williams, master of the s.s. "Kallango," writes to the Editor of the "Journal of Commerce": I note from your leading article in "The Journal of Commerce" October 22, re helm orders that you are in favour of no change. I consider that if it were put to the vote, the majority of the present-day shipmasters, mates and pilots would certainly be in favour of a change. Simplicity is what should be aimed at, and an order "port" when everything connected with the order goes to starboard, is the very reverse of simplicity. The present order "port," of course, means wheel to starboard, rudder to starboard, and ship's head to starboard; and the order "starboard" means wheel to port, rudder to port, and ship's head to port—in my opinion most ridiculous, and needing a great deal of explanation when teaching the young mariner. Of course, one has to go back to the ancient days, when all ships were steered by a tiller leading forward. It is to be regretted that they did not make the

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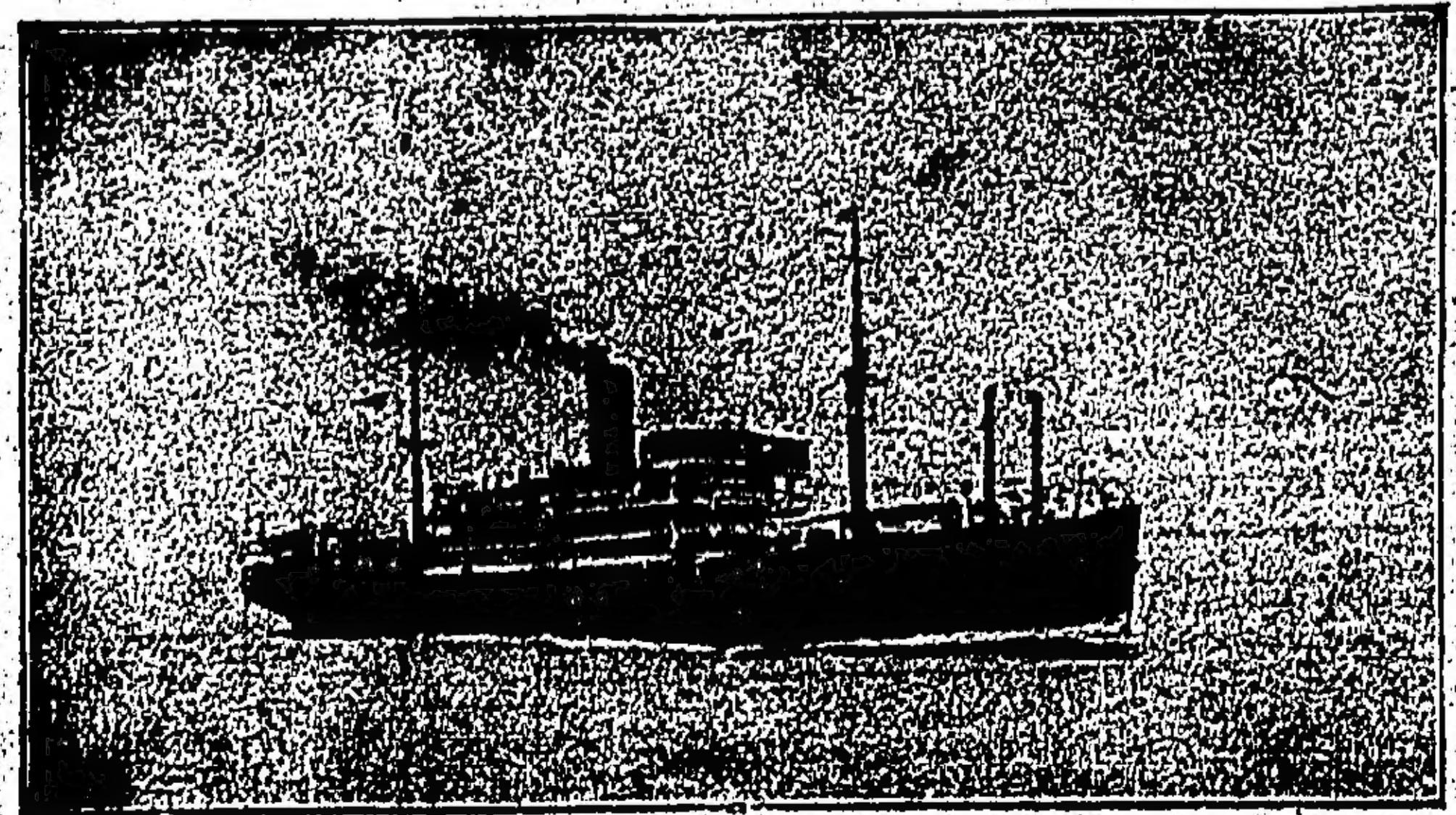
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LOVE OF FLOWERS.

Commenting last week on the question of the waste of water we remarked that the watering of gardens and lawns is essential on the ground that, in a Colony such as this, these must be regarded as necessities and not luxuries. Away from the congestion in the city open spaces and gardens are to be encouraged by every means possible. They make for better health and a better outlook on life generally. He who loves flowers cannot be far removed from kinship with the spirit animating all the good things of Nature.

This is a reminder that we have in our midst a very excellent organisation that deserves the strongest support of every one with even a small plot of garden—we refer to the Horticultural Society. For some years this Society has sought to instill a love of flowers in the community by means of exhibitions, the extent of which must surprise newcomers and strangers who visit them for the first time. There is not alone competition between exhibitors but there is what is far better—emulation. Indirectly these exhibitors, whether householders or their gardeners, go far to promote the amenities of the Colony, assisting to make "Beautiful Hong Kong" something more than a mere name, at least outside the thickly populated city areas where nothing meets the eye beyond streets and streets of buildings and shops.

Moral support of the Horticultural Society is not in itself sufficient if it is to continue the good work with which it has so long been identified. Every lover of

the beautiful in Nature, and more especially the lover of flowers, ought to join the Association, the annual fee of which (five dollars) is infinitesimal in comparison with the results obtained. Exhibitions at which prizes are awarded cannot be run without money. If, as has sometimes occurred, the membership dwindles as the result of indifference or carelessness, there must inevitably be a strain on the Society's funds. To avert this unfortunate state of affairs in the future we appeal most confidently to the community, whether they have garden plots or not, to rally round the Society and ensure its permanent success. The payment of, say, ten subscriptions may seem small to the individual members, but it means a very great deal indeed to the Horticultural Society. The Hon. Secretary, Mr. J. A. Plummer, of Messrs. Bradley & Co., will, we are sure, only be too pleased to furnish information in regard to the Society and its work to any residents interested therein.

SOLDIER'S FUNERAL.

DRIVER WHO WAS KILLED AT POKFULUM.

MILITARY HONOURS.

The funeral of Driver C. W. Begley of the 28th Mechanical Transport Company, R.A.S.C., took place with full military honours at the Protestant Cemetery, Happy Valley, on Saturday afternoon, and was attended by all members of the Royal Army Service Corps. Driver Begley met his death at Pokfulum on Friday night as the result of the military Motor Ambulance which he was driving plunging down an embankment into the grounds of the Dairy Farm, the driver being pinned under the heavy vehicle and killed instantly.

The Rev. G. F. Stopford, C.F., officiated at the graveside. The following officers were present:—Major T. E. L. Langmaid (Officer Commanding, R.A.S.C.), Capt. H. Drysdale, Capt. W. B. Goodfellow, Capt. H. Fogg and Lieut. Lathwaite.

The gun carriage was drawn by members of the Indian Army Service Corps, and three volleys were fired over the grave by a firing party from the Scots Guards. A bugler sounded the Last Post. Several wreaths from officers and other ranks were placed on the grave.

ARMS ON A JUNK.

The master of trading junk No. T-3809-H and a junk were yesterday arrested by the Water Police for the unlawful possession of arms on the junk in harbour. Three Luger pistols, six magazines and 288 rounds of ammunition

VERNACULAR SCHOOL

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Chinese feel that in this process the old learning is likely either to be rejected as useless or to be forgotten. They are apprehensive of many of these new ideas more especially of those which point to a complete break with the past.

A great deal of the Chinese instinctive dislike of foreigners and their apparent satisfaction with everything Chinese is due to the feeling, "We were getting on all right until these threemasters came and upset us. We did not want to have anything to do with these obnoxious fellows and we explained to them quite politely but quite firmly that while we had nothing to learn from them, they, being barbarians, were not likely to profit by lessons from us."

But "not even God," as Aristotle the Greek philosopher pointed out, "can change the past." Another Greek quotation occurs to me; it is from Sophocles, perhaps the greatest tragedian that has ever lived—"for if anyone thinks that he alone is wise—that in speech or mind he hath no peer—such a soul when laid open is ever found empty."

The Old Missionary. Sir William Hunter, a well known administrator in India wrote a wonderful story which is now almost unknown. The story is entitled "The Old Missionary." The book was given me a few days before I started on my first journey to India. It was apparently published in 1895 (and that's more than 30 years ago) but the story relates to that period in the history of Bengal which followed immediately on the direct assumption by the British Crown of rule in British India—that is to say the period of the story is about 1860. The old missionary is discussing with certain zealous young British officials the British policy of State Education in India and he is made to say:—

"Your State Education is producing a revolt against three principles, which although they were pushed too far in ancient India represent the deepest wants of human nature—the principle of discipline; the principle of religion; the principle of contentment. The old indigenous schools carried punishment to the verge of torture. Your Government Schools pride themselves on almost having done away with the rod and in due time you will have on your hands a race of young men who have grown up without discipline. The indigenous schools educated the lower classes for the business of their lives. Your Government Schools spur on every clever small boy with scholarships and money allowances to try and get into a bigger school and so through many bigger schools with the stimulus of bigger scholarships to a University degree. The day will come when your State Educators will be faced to face with the results. They will be forced back on the old indigenous schools as the sure foundations of public instruction in India. They will find out that races which for ages have borne a heavy yoke throughout life cannot be trained up without discipline in their youth. They will also discover that the end of national education is not to create one vast clerical class but to fit all classes of their natural work."

25 Years Ago. It is now more than a quarter of a century since I started my educational work in the East. I have seen great changes. I have watched the peace and contentment of a countryside wrecked by political and racial agitation. I have been in intimate touch with scores of young lives robbed of their Eastern heritage and profiting nothing by their Western opportunities, and yet I would not reduce by one jot or tittle the facilities which exist in Hong Kong for teaching Chinese boys and girls English, for training them in science, and for giving them some insight into English culture and history. Rather I would increase and improve those facilities. The World is so small now that the youth of China are and must be citizens of the World and many of the Chinese in this Colony are citizens of the British Empire. The British Empire owes all her strength and her glory, of their complexions reasonable opportunities for developing their inherent capacities and surely the British Empire is not so poor either in spirit or in wealth as to desire to evade these obligations.

But I regard it as ridiculous that a Chinese boy and girl should be allowed to grow up ignorant of Chinese as a language and blind to the greatness of Chinese culture. Education which is not based on the traditions and culture of the race is for that race no education at all. China had for centuries an official class, selected for its knowledge of Chinese Classics.

There was some sense in that for it meant that a man who was going to administer the country must be acquainted with those cultural principles in accordance with which the Chinese then directed their lives. The old official class has been swept away.

Who is To Follow? Who is there to take the places of the old officials? I have before me an account of conditions in Hunan that was recently sent to the London Times by one of the correspondents of that paper. The correspondent is discussing the prospects of a peaceful winter in Hunan. Of the officials in the province, the article reports, that some are the same men who functioned or rather failed in April; others are new, young, foreign-trained students with immense confidence in their ability to establish the millennium without delay, but these self-satisfied authorities the report continues, have not the slightest grasp of economic principles, such as the limits of taxation or the laws that govern successful trade.

Those who have or are thought to have money are being driven out of the province or reduced to penury by an iniquitous system of taxation. With no money coming in from the fields and subject to repeated extortions from the Government the old families are in a pitiable state.

Most of the men are fled to Shanghai and the women live in for the necessities of life anxious only to escape attention. The chief emotion in the minds of the people is fear: fear of the Communists; fear of the Government; fear of their neighbours. They have passed through such a period of horror that their minds are paralysed, they are unable to look to the future or feel any effort is worth while.

New Type Wanted. I am not arguing that this terrible state of affairs is due to the presence of officials educated abroad and thus out of touch with Chinese traditions. But I do assert that one vital condition of China's regeneration is the evolution of a new type of official who will combine a substantial knowledge and understanding of the West with the best traditions of Chinese culture.

I want the University of Hong Kong to take a part in turning out these new officials and I want this school to help us by sending to us students who combine a good working knowledge of English with a thorough grounding in Chinese learning.

I am therefore wholeheartedly in sympathy with the object with which this school was founded and if those objects are realised I will promise that the University will help you. But I must here add a word of warning. While I have anything to do with the University, this school is not going to be a stepping stone to a soft option ending in either a University degree or a Diploma. The University study of a subject means something quite distinctive, not only in standard but in outlook. It would become the University to establish a Chinese Faculty, School or Department in which the Chinese Classics and their commentaries are merely memorised. I recognise what memory has done for scholarship; how for centuries the great Hindu Classics were handed down by word of mouth. But those days are past. What we want to do now is to survey humanity in the light of its records, and not only to know that certain peoples do certain things and believe certain things but to understand why they do them and why they believe them.

Debt to Scholars. The working world of to-day is apt to forget the tremendous debt it owes to Scholars—those Chinese travellers for example who wandered about the wilds of India searching for knowledge about Buddhism. Perhaps some of you have heard of the Hungarian Scholar Alexander Csoma de Koros who came to India at the beginning of the 19th century, possessing nothing but a few scraps of Sanskrit, but fired with the burning desire to find out the origin of his nation. He spent four years in a Buddhist monastery in Tibet and he explains in a perfectly simple and matter of fact way how in the winter he would sit covered in sheepskins with his manuscript in front of him, and how the cold was so intense that his fingers got frost bitten as he stretched them out from under the sheepskins to turn over the pages of the manuscript. From Tibet he came to Calcutta and worked for the Bengal Asiatic Society until he had collected enough money for his prolonged journey to Asia in search of the birth place of the Hindus. He started but contracted fever in the foothills of the Eastern Himalayas. He died in Darjeeling and there he lies to-day facing the eternal snows of Kinchinjunga.

China wants scholars like that, scholars whose whole beings are concentrated in one burning desire to know and understand.

If You Want Money

If you want money and comfort become a merchant. The scholar must be so absorbed in his task as to be careless of the morrow. And such a one will not lack sustenance.

"Like driftwood on the sea's wild breast, We meet and cling with fond endeavour A moment on the same wave's crest. The wave divides, we part for ever."

We have no lasting resting here. To-day's best friend is dead to-morrow. We only learn to hold things dear, To pierce our hearts with future sorrow.

Be not too careful for the morrow. God will thy daily bread bestow. The same eye that the babe is born. The mother's breast begins to flow.

Will He who robs the swan in white. Who dyes the parrot's bright green hue. Who paints the peacock's glancing light. Will he less kindly deal with you?

PRAPS-PRAPS NOT!

"Are they fresh?" asked a woman buying fish from a cester-monger.

The cester looked at his long-dead stock. "Fresh, mum? Why, just look at 'em." And turning to his wares, he shouted, "Lie still, can't yer! Lie still!"

An elderly unmarried weaver was reprimanding the young lassie for not minding her work.

"You know," said he, "it's the serious-minded girls who get on." "Perhaps it is," she replied, "but it's 'other sort that get off."

Teacher: "How many seasons are there in the year?"

Boy: "Two, sir."

Teacher: "Indeed! What are they?"

Boy: "The football season and the cricket season, sir."

She: "Oh, Clarence! I was busy writing a letter and baby got hold of the bottle of ink and drank it all. What shall I do?"

He: "Well, my dear, it's early closing to-day. Can't you finish it in pencil?"

The nervous guest was anxious to compliment his host on the excellent dinner provided.

"It's—it's very good," he stammered, adding hastily, "what there is of it."

This did not sound exactly what he wished to express, so he blurted out, "There's plenty of it—such as it is!"

As the celebrated soprano began to sing little Johnnie became greatly excited over the gesticulations of the orchestra conductor.

"What's he shaking his stick at her for?"

"Sh-h! He's not shaking his stick at her."

"Then what's she hollering for?"

An agitated foreigner burst into the hotel manager's private office. "I've been insulted!" he gasped.

"When I went into my room this evening there was a bowl of water and a plate of dog biscuits there!"

The manager sent for the chambermaid.

"Did you put water and dog biscuits in this gentleman's room?" he asked when she appeared.

"Yes, sir," came the answer. "My orders were to prepare room No. 53 for an Alsatian."

"Surely, waiter, you don't expect me to eat this steak!"

"Why, sir?"

"Well—it simply isn't done."

Old Lady: "What is that boy crying for?"

Kind Dad: "E ain't crying for anything. E's 'ad it."

COAL INDUSTRY.

MARKETING SCHEME TO BE CONSTITUTED.

OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT.

Rugby, Yesterday. A full meeting of representatives of the South and West Yorkshire and Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire Coalowners' Associations was held in Sheffield yesterday for further consideration of the coal marketing scheme which the coal owners propose to put into force. After the meeting it was announced that a scheme was being formally constituted.

Already other districts are making approaches for admission to the scheme.

There is a prospect that eventually the whole of the Midland coal field, including Lancashire, will be included within it. It is stated that important development may, therefore, be expected in the near future.—British Wireless Service.

SOVIET SPLIT.

REPENTERS TAKEN TO TASK.

TROTSKY'S CAMPAIGN.

Moscow, Yesterday. The "Pravda" publishes two letters purporting to be sent from the Trotskyist opposition headquarters to Trotsky's adherents abroad, denouncing Zinovieff and Kamenev who recently expressed repentance of their Oppositionist activities, and calling on Trotskyites to "break ruthlessly with the surrenderers" and start a big campaign against the disciplinary measures adopted against the Opposition. (The "Pravda" declares that the Trotskyites are "breaking the pledges they recently gave to the Communist Party Congress and such traitors should ruthlessly be broken.")—Reuter.

NEW CARAVANSERAI.

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Hong Kong residents made the trip to the Colony to witness the formal opening ceremony.

Visitors from Hong Kong included Sir Robert Ho Tung, Mr. J. P. Bragg, Mr. N. J. Perry, Mr. and Mrs. Williams, Messrs. Liang Hau-yuen, W. A. Boyd, A. L. Thomson, G. Hansen, Mr. and Mrs. J. Murray, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Mackenzie, Messrs. B. I. Neuman, Mr. Wai Po-cheung, Mr. and Mrs. B. Wylie, Mr. and Mrs. A. Hicks, Messrs. F. P. Franklin, P. H. Suckling, C. G. Copley, Mr. and Mrs. J. Brooke, Mr. A. G. Waller, Mr. Ho Shai-wa, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Alves and Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Macao was represented by—

His Lordship the Bishop, D. Jesus da Costa Nunes accompanied by Father R. Camacho, Tito Polares, Dr. J. Magalhães, Vizeu Pinheiro, Mr. and Mrs. X. A. da Silva, Mr. J. A. da Silva, Madame Lio Lim-yok, Col. Mrs. and Miss Santos, Mr. and Mrs. Carey, Mr. and Mrs. Carlos Alves, Mr. Lopes do Rosario, Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Gellion, Messrs. H. Nolasco da Silva, J. M. Lopes, Mr. and Mrs. A. Carmona, Major and Mrs. Bonto da Franca, Mr. and Mrs. Gregorio Fernandes, Mr. Chu King-chow, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Cheuk-suen, Mr. J. T. Jue, Mr. and Mrs. D. Veiga, Mr. Hee Cheong, Mr. B. Sena Fernandez, Capt. Mrs. and Miss Cardoso, Mr. Lum Boon-ying, Commander J. Inso, Lt. J. Cosme, Dr. and Mrs. N. Leitao, Dr. and Mrs. Diniz, Mr. J. Sales da Silva, Dr. and Mrs. J. Pato, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. da Silva.

To Fill a Gap.
After the visitors had assembled in the reception room His Excellency addressed the gathering in Portuguese as follows:
Ladies and Gentlemen—It gives me very great pleasure indeed to be able to declare open this splendidly appointed hotel, a hotel that has come to fill a gap in this little land, where the pressing need of good hotel accommodation has made itself keenly felt for so long.

I feel confident that the energetic management, with the close co-operation of the enterprising proprietors, of this very excellent hotel, in furtherance of their own interests, and in the interests of this Colony, will maintain the good reputation the sponsors have set out to establish, and reap from this business all the fruit that they have every right to expect and hope for.

Late Loo Lim-loc.
On an occasion like the present it is fitting that we should not forget the late Commander Loo Lim-loc, of revered memory, whose initiative we are indebted for the establishment of a hotel in Macao fully able to satisfy every modern requirement. This is yet another example of the public-spirited enterprise that has characterised the ventures of our departed friend.

From the hurried impressions I have been able to gather from a cursory glance around the well equipped rooms of this building I feel convinced that this hotel will fulfil its purpose in every way. The simple elegance of its appointments and the furnishing of its commodious rooms will fill the needs of all visitors to Macao. For these many advantages which the hotel provides we are indebted to the foresight of Mr. J. P. Bourne of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Hotels, Ltd., of Hong Kong, and Mr. Loo Hui-chung of this Colony, to both of whom I offer my very cordial congratulations.

Blessed With Prosperity.
It is my very earnest hope that this deserving enterprise should be blessed with prosperity and that the individual proprietors should be blessed with long life to ensure the smooth running of this splendid hotel whose present elegance testifies to a happy combination of good management and enterprise.

In conclusion, I must ask the managers of this hotel to realise that it is close attention to the smallest details that will make or mar the good-name of the hotel in which will be reflected the good name of this Colony. I must also ask you to remember that in this Portuguese Colony your guests will be both Portuguese and foreigners. I ask you all present to join me in drinking a toast to the success of the Hotel Riviera with all good wishes for its prosperity.

On Behalf of Sponsors.
On behalf of the Hotel Riviera Mr. J. P. Bourne replied. He said:—
Your Excellency, Ladies and Gentlemen—On behalf of the sponsors of the Hotel Riviera I wish to thank Your Excellency for so graciously opening the Hotel Riviera for us to-day, and you, ladies and gentlemen, for your presence. My only regret is that the late Mr. Loo Lim-loc, so affectingly referred to by Your Excellency, the real founder of this humble effort, is no longer with us to thank you for joining what would have been to him a most happy occasion.

Your Excellency's very flattering references to this little venture of ours are much appreciated by me and my colleagues in the establishment of this hotel. Let me assure all the happy friends I see around me, at this, for us most auspicious occasion, that it is our earnest desire to fully merit the praise that has been so generously lavished on us, and with a very keen appreciation of the functions which we have set ourselves to fulfil in this way.

Even of Tourist Season.
Some may doubt the wisdom of

A PAPER FLEET?

U.S. NAVAL AIMS DISCUSSED.

"TO BUILD SHIPS."

Washington, Saturday.
The absence of mention of a specific date for the completion of the new naval programme led to a long debate by the Naval Committee. Representatives and members wanted to know whether the Navy Department wanted merely a paper fleet.

The Assistant Naval Secretary, Mr. Robinson, emphasised: "It is our intention to build ships," adding that if Congress approved the programme the Navy Department would immediately request the appropriation of \$55,000,000 to start construction in addition to the \$382,000,000 already requested for the Navy during the next fiscal year.

This announcement made the Representatives determined that a move be made to force the consideration of the tariffs in view of an increase in the import schedules of agricultural products.—Reuter's American Service.

A Slop in the Face.

Washington, Yesterday.

Disregarding Mr. Wilbur's recommendation, which is believed to have been made after consultation with President Coolidge that the date of the completion of the naval construction plan should be omitted, the Naval Committee passed a resolution by 15 votes to one urging that any future building programme must stipulate the completion vessels within a specified time. It also adopted a resolution with a view to preventing the President suspending the construction of any warships at any time without the consent of the Congress. The Committee expressed the opinion that the plan must at least be temporarily postponed as some of the members are not prepared to support the plan in its present form.

It is considered in many circles that the programme will actually cost \$740,000,000.

The Democrat, Mr. McClintie,

who was the only member opposing

the resolutions, described the second

"like slapping the President in the

face."—Reuter's American Service.

SICK IN THE AIR.

ENDURANCE FLIGHT'S MANY TRIALS.

Roosevelt Field, Saturday.

According to notes dropped from Chamberlin's monoplane the airman have encountered oil and petrol leaks, trouble with their flying instruments and sickness, but are continuing the flight.—Reuter's American Service.

Fuel Shortage.

Roosevelt, Yesterday.

Bogrimed and be-greased Chamberlin and Williams descended at 2 o'clock in the afternoon owing to shortage of fuel, 75 minutes below the record.—Reuter's American Service.

JOURNALIST DEAD.

MR. J. RUSSELL KENNEDY PASSES AWAY.

Tokyo, Yesterday.

The death has occurred of Mr. J. Russell Kennedy, the well-known news correspondent representing the "Daily Telegraph" and "Chicago Daily News" from heart failure.—Reuter.

opening thus early, when there is much work still to be done, but we have in mind the need for catering to the needs of visitors on the very eve of the tourist season and we confidently feel ourselves capable of supplying their requirements during their sojourn in this Colony. We have, therefore, left many little essentials to be completed, such, for instance, as the wording in Portuguese, of the many little signs which have already been set up in English, and the work on the Oriental Room in which we have given up, I thought his yet to be commenced. When we shall have got through all these details we can assure our patrons that we will supply the best and nothing but the best in service and equipment, but you must bear with our little deficiencies for a little while.

We are confident that we shall be able to contribute our mite towards maintaining the prestige of this Colony where we have set up in business, with the co-operation and custom of our friends without which it will be impossible for us to survive. For so kindly gracing this occasion with your presence I thank Your Excellency and all our friends, and to the prosperity and progress of the Colony of Macao I ask you, one and all, to join me in a bumper.

CHINA FLEET.

BUILDING UP POWERFUL SQUADRON.

KENT RELIEVES HAWKINS.

London, Saturday.

Commanded by Captain Wolfe Murray, H.M.S. "Kent" has been selected to relieve H.M.S. "Hawkins" as the flagship of the China Station. The "Kent" is a new 10,000-ton cruiser armed with eight 8-inch and four 4-inch guns, and has a speed of 32 knots. The cruisers "Berwick," "Cumberland," "Cornwall," and "Suffolk," sister ships of the "Kent," are in process of fitting out and are destined for the China Station. Hence by the middle of the year the Fifth Cruiser Squadron will consist of a homogeneous group of the most modern and most powerful cruisers.

Orders have been issued for the cruiser "Concord" to leave England on February 15 on a troop-carrying voyage to the China Station carrying relief crews for the gunboats on the Yangtze and West River.—Reuter.

"WAR PAINT."

STIRRING STORY AT THE QUEEN'S THEATRE.

"War Paint," which started at the Queen's Theatre yesterday is a story of love in the early years of the American Union, when battles between the Redskins and the paleface were all in a day's work. The hero of the story is Tim McCoy who as a dashing young Lieutenant falls in love with his Commanding Officer's daughter whom he met picnicking in a dangerous spot because of the proximity of the hostile Indians. Then came war clouds and the young Lieutenant, pleads to his Commanding Officer to spare the Indians under Chief White Hawk, whom he said were friendly. He is misunderstood for a coward and placed under arrest.

Whilst the troops went after White Hawk's people, the post was attacked by hostile Indians under Iron Eyes, a medicine man. Lieut. Marshall does some hard riding in a dash to secure help. He is captured by White Hawk's men. Marshall persuades White Hawk to assist him in fighting Iron Eyes, who is killed. Then the Commanding Officer's heart "became big" towards White Hawk and his people, and gave his daughter in marriage to young Marshall.

AT THE WORLD.

"It's the Old Army Game," which made a hit in Hong Kong when shown here before, again attracted full houses at the World Theatre when it started a second run yesterday. The story which is about Elmer Prettywillie the proprietor of a small town drug store in Florida, who has lots of customers but very little "jack," is full of funny situations and there are lots of laughs which were not always at Elmer's expense, especially when he runs into the jail followed by a crowd, who could be knocked down with the feathers when they saw the sheriff welcome Elmer instead of locking him up.

CINEMA NOTES.

PICTURES ON VIEW TO-DAY.

Pictures showing in the local cinemas for the last time to-day, besides Peter B. Kyne's capital adventure story, "War Paint," at the Queen's Theatre, include W. C. Fields' comedy, "It's the Old Army Game" at the World Theatre, and William S. Hart's Western drama "Tumbleweeds," at the Star Theatre. "It's the Old Army Game" is being screened at 5.15 and 9.20 only, the picture in the World Theatre at 2.30 and 7.15 being the Chinese drama "Wong Tin Ba." The movie programme in the Star Theatre ends at 8.30, as the Globe Trotters present their entertaining revue, "Pleasureland," at 9.15.

THE GLOBE TROTTERS.

Mr. Dick Norton's popular company of ten artists, the Globe Trotters, will repeat their entertaining revue, "Pleasureland," at 9.15 in the Star Theatre to-night. They will not play to-morrow night as previously announced, as they are going to Shumen, but they will give their revue, "Incidents," a brand new programme, in the Star Theatre on Friday and Saturday, which will thus be the last two nights of their season in the Colony. Booking for "Pleasureland" and both nights of the new programme, now open at Messrs. Monaghan and the Star Theatre, at the popular admission prices of \$1.25 and \$1.

CAUCASIAN LINK.

ABORIGINES' PLACE IN THE WORLD.

SHAPE OF THE SKULL.

Dr. William Warner, Fellow of the Rockefeller Foundation, writes in the "Queenslander"—
From observations of a few thousand blacks, and the exact measurement of several hundred in North Australia and Central Australia, I am convinced that the original Australian's nearest relative in the human family is the Caucasian.

Although I have called him black in these articles for want of a better term, he is not literally black, but a dark or light brown.

Some of the people I have measured here are no darker than the Hindu strain of the Caucasian branch, and for that matter not much more coloured than the Southern Italian.

The hair ranges from straight to

very curly. This is the exact range

of our own hair. The negro's is

always frizzly or kinky.

The Australian nose also has

great variation. One can find in

considerable numbers the straight

profile that is characteristic of a

fair percentage of the white race,

the slightly curved nose, and finally

the nose one finds as typical of

the African negro, and which is

rarely seen on a white man.

But the more general type of nose

is one that would be found on most

of the faces of Europeans, except

for the nasal base, which is much

lower than our own.

The bony ridges over the eyes are

much less protuberant in the north

than in the more central areas. The

cheekbones protrude rather heavily.

In some of the popular literatures

I have read that the Australian

aboriginal has usually more faith

in his dentition than the white

man. This, too, is false.

The aboriginal usually has sixteen

upper and sixteen lower, so have

we. The exceptions to this rule

are under rather than above.

Nearer White Than Yellow.

The mouth, however, projects

much more than our own. That is

usually associated with a lower

type of man, because it is more

ape-like. The Australian is also

long-headed. The ape is, too; and

so is the Nordic, which includes

most of the Northern Europeans.

The aboriginal eye is dark brown

or black, and has usually the same

distribution of colour over the

whole surface of the iris.

Our own eyes, of course, vary

much more in colour, and we rarely

show an eye that hasn't heavier

spots of pigment in one part of

the eye than other parts. True, the

white of our eye is seldom blood-

shot (unless, for the same reason

the nose is red); but among these

people I have yet to find an in-

dividual whose eyes were not

normally blood-spotted.

These latter characteristics place

them nearer to the negro than to

us.

The eye is usually set in the head

at the same angle as our own, and

lacks that peculiar mongoloid fold

in the inner corner that distingu-

ishes the Chinaman's and his re-

lative's eyes from those of any

other race.

Now, to sum up our findings and

place the Australian aboriginal as

nearly as possible in the family

tree! Of the three major races

(Caucasian, Mongoloid, and Negro)

he is nearest the "white," and

farthest from the "yellow."

Let us see if we can get at some

of the possibilities as to why this

has occurred.

The aboriginal has undoubtedly

been here thousands upon thou-

sands of years. It is probable he

came here before the three major

races divided into the main stems

of the present human stock.

It is believed by most authorities

that the Australian remained pretty

much in physical type what the

parent "stock" was. What I

have seen of the typical Northern

Australian, and also the result of

crosses with the three major races,

leads me to believe that this theory

is correct.

Resemblance to Dravidians.

A people very much like the Aus-

tralian is the Southern Indian

people, the Dravidians. They are

so closely similar that they have

been classed as our people,

although, most likely, no one has

yet by accurate measurement proved

this relationship.

Although I have applied no

formal psychological tests to the

natives, I can see no indication

that the average black is mentally

inferior to the average white.

No doubt, he thinks differently;

but this, I should say, would large-

ly be the difference due to their

civilisation's influence on them and

our different civilisations' influence

on us.

But this last influence is some-

thing that man acquires after birth,

and is to be distinguished from his

biological and psychological inheri-

tance. Because he differs in this

manner does not mean he is in-

ferior to us. The average French-

man thinks slightly differently from

the average Englishman, but

although that Frenchman would

tell you that this means the mental

inferiority of the "inferior" Jew

Englishman would believe him.

I have seen a chance that there is

inherent psychological variation

from our own psychological type

but no one has proved it, and

proving it few scientists would be

willing to say this meant superi-

ority or inferiority.

In personality of the blacks

here most likeable. They are ex-

tremely fond of those they like, and

demonstrate that fondness by a

never-ending variety of kind and

considerate acts. I have found

Shadows Before.

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN THE "MAIL."

To-day—Queen's Theatre: "War

Pakt."

To-day—World Theatre: "It's

The Old Army Game," 5.10

and 9.15. "Wong Tin Ba" (Chinese

Drama), 2.30 and 7.15.

To-day—Star Theatre: "Tumble-

weeds."

To-day—Star Theatre: The Globe

Trotters in "Pleasure Land."

January 17-18—Queen's Theatre:

"The Pleasure Buyers."

January 17-18—World Theatre:

"The Lucky Lady," 5.10 and 9.15;

"Wong Tin Ba" (Chinese Drama),

2.30 and 7.15.

January 17-18—Star Theatre:

"Aloma of South Seas."

January 19-21—Queen's Theatre:

"Out All Night."

January 19-21—World Theatre:

"The Desert's Toll."

January 19-21—Star Theatre:

"The Gay Decalver."

January 20-21—Star Theatre: The

Globe Trotters in "Incidents."

January 21—Hong Kong Hotel:

Chinese New Year's Eve Carnival.

February 25—Craigengower

Cricket Club's annual Bachelors'

Dance.

Sports.

To-day—Hockey: Y.M.C.A. v.

R.A.F. King's Park.

January 18—Hockey: H.K.H.

Club v. Navy, U.S.R.C. ground, 4.30

p.m.

January 19—St. Peter's Church

Y.M.C. Whist drive, 8.45 p.m. in St.

John's Cathedral Hall.

January 21—China New Year

meeting (Fanning Hunt), Kwantli

Race Course.

January 23—American lawn ten-

nis tourney (mixed doubles) for

members of the Ladies' Recreation

Club at L.R.C.

Meetings.

January 19—H.K.V.D.C. annual

meeting, Corps Headquarters.

January 23—General meeting of

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LOCAL AND GENERAL SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Lieut.-General Sir W. C. G. Menzies is to succeed Lieut.-General Sir H. B. Walker as G.O.C., Southern Command, India.

Mr. Chao Chuan has been nominated by the Peking Government as Chinese delegate to the League of Nations Opium Conference.

A team of pit lads from Mansfield, Nottinghamshire, beat the Imperial Service College, Windsor, at Association football by 11 goals to 3.

The Standard Oil Company of New York has put out a cleverly designed Chinese calendar for 1928, copies of which we beg to acknowledge.

Yorkshire, Nottinghamshire, and Derbyshire colliery owners met at Derby to discuss a three-county scheme for the regulation of coal output, but no decision was reached.

George Alfred Legg, an Epsom stable lad who was thrown on Epsom Downs from a mare named Reckless Quilter, owned by Mr. Cecil Langlands, died in the Epsom Cottage Hospital.

Tourists arriving in Shanghai on the "President Jefferson" included Miss Virginia Freeland, Mrs. Jennie Wild, Mr. H. C. Robb, Mr. L. A. Robb and Mr. and Mrs. J. Murphy of Portland, Oregon.

Mr. Frank Hedges Butler, the traveller and air pioneer, who will be 72 years old on December 17, is taking what he calls "a quiet holiday" in Timbuctoo. It is to include big-game shooting and a long air flight.

The 17th Lancers provided the chief mourners at the funeral at Highgate, N., of Private Richard Shiers, aged 92, a Crimean veteran, of Middleton Street, Cambridge Heath, E., who joined the 17th Lancers in 1855.

Prices for engraved portraits at Messrs. Sotheby's New Bond Street, W., included £550 for "Lady Elizabeth Delme and Children," by V. Green, after Reynolds, and £510 for "Mrs. Davenport," by J. Jones, after Romney.

Frederick Lawrence, 49, tailor, was sentenced at the Old Bailey to five years' penal servitude for throwing a brick through the window of Bravington, Limited, jewellers, Ludgate Hill, E.C., and stealing rings valued at £356.

Ewald Bortel, a German, described as a merchant, was brought before Judge Liang in the Shanghai Provisional Court on a charge of misappropriating the property of his employers, Messrs. Harbeck and Martin. He was ordered to be remanded.

Sentence of 18 months' hard labour was passed at the Old Bailey on John Thomas Edwards, 31, a cook, who called himself lieutenant-commander and wore naval uniform, for obtaining various articles all over the country by fraud.

A pickpocket found plying his profession in Nanking Road, came before the Provisional Court and was sent by Judge Liang to prison for two years. The Court failed to take cognizance of the fact that accused had previously been expelled from the Settlement.

Victor Vinokuroff, a 26-year old Russian, was charged in the Shanghai Provisional Court with being found in 67 Scott Road, the premises of Mr. Main, for the supposed purpose of committing a larceny. Judge Wan and Mr. Shimizu sent him to prison for two months.

Merchants in Nantao and Chapel have appealed to the authorities to shorten the hours of martial law in order to permit them to carry on their business normally. They complain that they are compelled to be indoors by a certain hour and hence are unable to complete their day's work.

The 2nd Regiment, 4th Independent Division, under the command of Gen. Chang Chao, who has been mentioned as Chinese Commander of Shanghai and Woosung, arrived in Shanghai by special train. These troops will be responsible for the maintenance of local peace and order after the transfer of Gen. Pei Chung-hsi's men to Hankow.

Mr. Foster Turner, architect of Powell's Building, has reported to the police the theft from a new building in the course of construction near the Western Market, of a machine lifting "jack" worth \$300. The jack must have been carried away, according to the complainant, some time between 5 p.m. on Friday and 7 a.m. on Saturday.

The wedding was celebrated at the St. Francis Church, Malacca, of Miss Eileen Copcutt of the Convent of the Holy Infant Jesus, with Mr. S. A. Monteiro, teacher of Municipal English School. Mr. V. L. Bateman gave away the bride. Miss G. Ashness acted as bridesmaid. Mr. C. N. Monteiro, the brother of the bridegroom, acted as bestman. After the ceremony in Church a reception was held at the Convent.

H.M.S. Cricket has arrived in Shanghai from Yangtze ports.

Armed robbers attacked a Chinese monastery at Shatin on Friday and got away with several hundred dollars.

At Liverpool William Meynell Robertson, aged 32, was executed for the murder of Evelyn Jennings, aged 33.

An extraordinary meeting of the Hong Kong Philharmonic Society will take place at the Cathedral Hall on Monday next.

The receipt of tasteful Chinese calendars is acknowledged from Messrs. The Asiatic Petroleum Company and the Canadian Pacific Railway Company.

Washington.—President Coolidge and party has left for Key West to embark on a battleship for Cuba for the opening of the Pan-American Conference.—Reuter's American Service.

The Hong Kong St. Andrew's Society will hold the annual Burns Night Dinner on Wednesday, January 25. Members wishing to attend are asked to notify Mr. E. M. Bryden, c/o Lowe, Bingham, and Matthews.



William McKenzie King, Premier of Canada in a portrait study taken immediately after his arrival at the Canadian Embassy in Washington. While in Washington Premier King was the guest of President and Mrs. Coolidge at a luncheon at the White House.

Mr. Justice Grain (Sir Peter Grain) is coming to Hong Kong towards the end of February to sit with the local Judges in four cases before the Appeal Court and will be here for about a fortnight. His Honour was only recently knighted. He is the Judge of the Supreme Court attached to His Majesty's Consulate-General at Shanghai. As generally known, the British Judge at Shanghai comes down occasionally to sit in the Appeal Court and this will be Sir Peter's first visit in that capacity.

A small fire broke out at 8 o'clock on Saturday night at No. 333, Portland Street, Mongkok. A machine from the Kowloon Fire Station turned out, but on arrival found that its services were not required, the outbreak having been successfully combated by the inmates of the house. The fire occurred in the rear portion of the ground floor of the house where some joss papers had been stored in preparation for the offerings usually made during the week before the New Year.

According to the "Sinwampao" a police party, composed of Chapel and Settlement officers, raided the house situated at 499 North Szechuen Road Extension, where they had information that roulette was being played. As the account goes, a Mexican subject, named "Ah Erh Fa Sz," put up a resistance and attempted to shoot. He was disarmed, however, before he got into action. The raiding party arrested 60 persons, among them being 33 Chinese of the coolie class. They appeared before the Kung An Chu, lower Chinese Court, and were fined in all \$200. About \$2,000 taken during the procedure was confiscated. The person "Ah" was brought to the Bureau of Foreign Affairs, and was to be handed over to the Mexican Consul for trial.

Mr. G. Krishavsky, a Zionist delegate deputed to Far Eastern Jewries by the Keren Hayesed, Jerusalem, will arrive in Shanghai on the s.s. "Malwa" and will be greeted by a strong Jewish delegation. Jewish Boy Scouts, under Mr. Noel Jacobs will be in attendance. Mr. Krishavsky's mission to China is to give the latest information regarding the upbuilding of the Jewish Homeland under theegis of Britain as Mandatory Power. He will address public meetings here along educational lines, bringing home to the Jewish community the progress achieved in Palestine since the Balfour Declaration. Until recently he served the Palestine Government. His coming is regarded as a direct compliment to Jews in the Orient who have been commended by Zionist leaders for their past support, morally and financially.

Lady Barton and the Misses Barton were among the passengers leaving Shanghai on the P. and O. s.s. "Morea."

The King of Siam has conferred the Royal Cypher Medal on Phya Pradibaddha Bhupal, Consul-General for Siam at Singapore.

According to the Chinese press, Marshal Sun Chuan-fang has obtained \$700,000 from the Peking Government to prosecute the war against the Southerners.

Mr. E. A. St. Aubyn Harney, K.C., Liberal M.P. for South Shields, was married to Miss Kathleen Anderson, daughter of Mr. T. T. Anderson, of South Shields.

The Woosung police arrested and shot three men who were alleged to be Communists. The Chapel police also arrested 11 persons whom they suspected of being Bolsheviks.

At Sunday's public meeting of the Hong Kong Lodge The Theosophical Society, at Lane Crawford's Restaurant, Mr. H. E. Lanepart gave an address on "The Constitution of Man."

The Rev. Alfred Swann, M.A., D.S.C., the newly arrived Cathedral Chaplain, Dean and Archdeacon of Hong Kong, preached his first sermon in the Colony yesterday morning at St. John's Cathedral.

The application of the Southend Corporation for an order continuing the special rates and charges on the L.M.S. Railway Company's London-Southend lines was dismissed by the Railway Rates Tribunal.

An express train dashed through the pack of the Belvoir Hunt when it was in full cry of a fox that was running along the railway line at Stapleford, Leicestershire, but none of the hounds was injured.

Mr. Demaree C. Bess, who is representing several American newspapers in Peking, including the "Christian Science Monitor," left Shanghai on the steamer "Tungchow." He was accompanied by Mrs. Bess.

The Rev. W. E. Horley, M.B.E., leaves for Home in March and may be away from Singapore some time. He has been elected delegate for the Churches in Malaya to the International Churches in Conference in Jerusalem in March.

Captain George Cooke, aged 81, a retired master mariner, of Kennington, near Ashford, Kent, on whom a verdict of Death from Misadventure was returned at a coroner's inquest, was found dead at his bedside, where he had apparently been praying.

During November and December 13,000 pilgrims left the Netherlands Indies for Mecca, whilst it is estimated that the total number this season will exceed 35,000 excluding pilgrims from the Netherlands Indies who embark in Singapore. Last year the total number was 34,000.

The forthcoming wedding is announced of Mr. Leonard Warren, of Lever Bros. (China) Ltd., residing at "Hollywood" Rue Lafayette, Shanghai, and Miss Hilda Mary Leech, of 55, Glisson Road, Cambridge, England, coming to Hong Kong on the P. and O. s.s. "Mantua."

On Saturday night an armed robbery was committed by four men in a house in Tungtau village, Kowloon City occupied by two Chinese women who were asleep. The helpless women were bound and gagged, after which the intruders ransacked the place, stealing money and property worth \$138.

Bayamo, Cuba, Jan. 5.—Colonel Juan Arias Verdecia, only woman to attain such high military rank in the long fight for independence from Spain, is dead at 116 years of age. Colonel Verdecia joined the cause of revolution at the comparatively early age of 77, and with her husband fought for ten years until independence was won.

A reception to welcome the Dean and Mrs. Swann is being given by the Church Council of St. Peter's Church on Wednesday, at 8.45 p.m. in the Hall of the Club. There will be an address of welcome, music and light refreshments. Opportunity will be given for all those who attend to have a personal word or two with the Dean and Mrs. Swann.

A debate on the motion "That a Man becomes Rich as a Result of Chance Rather than Ability or Industry," will take place at the St. Peter's Church Young Men's Club House to-morrow, at 8.30 p.m. The motion will be proposed by Mr. P. Sands, M.A., and seconded by Mr. T. J. Price, B.Sc., Dr. F. Ashton, M.D., and Mr. A. E. Lea will lead the opposition.

Captain J. Alcock, master of the s.s. "Kwongsat," reported to the police upon the ship's arrival from Canton, at 12.30 p.m. on Saturday that whilst on the voyage down river a Chinese passenger committed suicide by jumping overboard. Every effort was made to locate the passenger after the "man overboard" alarm was raised, but no trace of him could be found.

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SPORTS

LOCAL RACES.

ENTRIES FOR ANNUAL MEETING.

THE FIRST DAY.

Race No. 1: The Wong-Nel-Chong Stakes: Half a Mile.

Peter, Pepper, Green Slip, Erstwhile, Meanwhile, Fair Eyes, Sugar Loaf, Slang River, Little River, The Gannet, The Grouse, Bar Boy, Madeira, Busaco, The Haugh, Horsford, Sidi-Bishr, Gap Rock, Silver Fox (late Sagamore), Beswick, Oplum Dick, Zed, Lye Green, King Constantine, Temple Hall, Liberty Hall, Gala Eve, Twilight Eve, Golly, Shingle, Brown Jug, Ploughman, Geronimo, Bay of Greenland, Tarzan, Pitchfork, Sea Front, Northern Stag, Borderer, Easing Wold, Loch Tay, Loch Lomond II, Dundee, Skipper, Chatto, Galopin, Cat Call, and Social Call.

Race No. 2: Maiden Stakes: Six Furlongs.

Peck, Pickle, Harlene, U. Un II, King Sol, Young Pretender, Heir Apparent, Duke of Verona, Duke of Nieblung, Blackstone Hall, Guild Hall, Fame Hall, New Year's Eve, Boxing Eve, Comrade, Captain Sitting Bull, Bakers Bay, Coos Bay, Deepwater, Bay, Monterey Bay, Winsome Stag, Misch-Mish, Boukra, and November.

Race No. 3: The Victoria Stakes: One Mile.

Man of War, Grey Eyes, The Gobbler, Tap Slat, Shanghai Friend, Warrington, Chow Teze Lon, King of Hearts, King of England, King of the Plains, King of Clubs, Duke of Artagnan, City Hall, Bengal, Grande del Norte, San Francisco, Chesapeake Bay, Elliot Bay, Humdinger, Grey Knight, and Home Call.

Race No. 4: The Valley Stakes: Six Furlongs.

Peter, Pepper, Green Slip, Erstwhile, Meanwhile, Kaa, Baloo, Slang River, Little River, The Gannet, The Grouse, Bar Boy, Madeira, The Haugh, Horsford, Sidi-Bishr, Dumfries, Movanager, Oplum Dick, O. Moon, Lye Green, King Constantine, Masonic Hall, Gala Eve, Twilight Eve, Shingle, Brown Jug, Ploughman, Geronimo, Bay of Greenland, Pitchfork, Sea Front, Northern Stag, Southern Stag, Easing Wold, Loch Tay, Loch Lomond II, Dundee, Spinner, Skipper, Chatto, Galopin, and Social Call.

Race No. 5: The Trial Plate: 1 1/4 Miles.

Peck, Pickle, Harlene, U. Un II, Young Pretender, Heir Apparent, Duke of Verona, Duke of Nieblung, Guild Hall, Artistic Hall, Manor Hall, New Year's Eve, Boxing Eve, Comrade, Captain, Sitting Bull, Bakers Bay, Coos Bay, Deepwater Bay, Monterey Bay, Hudson Bay, Handsome Stag, Winsome Stag, Misch-Mish, and November.

Race No. 6: The Governor's Cup: 1 1/4 Miles.

The Gobbler, The Gomeril, Flash Star, Castle, King of Hearts, King of England, King of the Plains, King of Clubs, Duke of Artagnan, City Hall, Town Hall, Bengal, Grande del Norte, San Francisco, Chesapeake Bay, Elliot Bay, Deepwater Bay, Hudson Bay, San Diego, August Ukelele, Brigade Call, and Grey Knight.

Race No. 7: The Garrison Cup: One Mile.

Erstwhile, Meanwhile, Sugar Loaf, Kaa, Baloo, Barley Grass, Slang River, Little River, The Gannet, The Grouse, Bar Boy, Madeira, The Haugh, Horsford, Sidi-Bishr, Mowgli, Lye Green, King Constantine, Kom Tong Hall, Festive Eve, Shingle, Brown Jug, Ploughman, Bay of Greenland, Bay of Iceland, Sea Front, Southern Stag, Easing Wold, Loch Tummel, Tangle, Loch Tay, Loch Lomond II, Dundee, Scooter, Skidoo, Dobbin, Pottenbush, Home Call, Fire Call, and District Call.

Race No. 8: The Chater Cup: One Mile 155 Yards.

Little Sit Tang, Bootlegger, The Gobbler, The Gomeril, Bing Boy, Hon Sin, Chui Chow Ning, Sutherland, Flash Star, Macao Beauty, Mayfair, Bright Eve, Misty Eve, Grande del Norte, Loch Tummel, Tangle, August, Ukelele, Brigade Call, and Grey Knight.

Race No. 9: The Racing Stakes: One Mile.

Peck, Pickle, Harlene, Grey Eyes, Chamel, Sutherland, Cumberland, Warlordship, King Sol, Young Pretender, Heir Apparent, Duke of Verona, Duke of Nieblung, Blackstone Hall, Fame Hall, Artistic Hall, Manor Hall, New Year's Eve, Box

POINT TO POINT.

YESTERDAY'S EXCITING MEET.

WIN FOR PEKIN.

Over a course of about four miles laid by Mr. H. C. Macnamara, an exciting point-to-point meet was held yesterday.

The race which started at 11 a.m., was divided into two classes the heavyweights (168 lbs. and over) going first.

There were nine runners in the heavy weight class. Erskine led up to a point about 200 yards from the start, where most of the starters came to grief at a difficult crossing. Erskine was amongst the casualties and Charles took charge. There were very few at the finish which was in the following order:—1. Sunning (Mr. Charles), 2. Bertram (Mr. Scovill), 3. Conky (Mr. Beck), 4. Pekin (Mr. Erskine).

As the first three did not go round the last flag they were disqualified, and the race went to Erskine after all.

Rupert Home First.

The light weight event attracted 15 starters. These profited by the heavyweights' tumbles and went more warily over the dangerous spots. The finish was an exciting one with five ponies fighting it out. The winner got home by half a length.

The result was:—1. Rupert (Mr. Morgan), 2. Drake (Dr. Durran), 3. Alhambra (Mr. Pollock), 4. Humdinger (Mr. Stanton).

Mrs. H. G. Sheldon was amongst the riders and in spite of a fall, she finished the course in good time.

FANLING HUNT.

WEIGHTS FOR PRINCIPAL EVENT.

The following are the weights for the Kwantai New Year Handicap (1 1/4 miles) at the Fanling Hunt Steeplechase on Saturday:—

San Diego	162
Humdinger	162
Sunning	160
Macao Beauty	159
Caviere	158
Ace of Spades	158
Cintr	158
Seal Tax	158
James Pigg	157
Mowgli	157
Loch Rannoch	156
Blotting Paper	156
Wovwer	155
Silver Fox	155
Yellow Shadow	155
Honey Moon	155
More Better	154
Deerhound	154
Man of War	153
Val Chow	151
Craigavad	150
Alhambra	150
Shady Joe	149
Circe	148
Bill Brewer	147
Racehorse	147
Red Leaves	145
Nimrod	144

ing Eve, Comrade, Captain, Sitting Bull, Bakers Bay, Coos Bay, Deepwater Bay, Monterey Bay, Humdinger, Misch-Mish, Boukra, and November.

Race No. 10: The Jockey Club Stakes: 1 1/4 Miles.

Iron General, Waichow, U. Un II, Loongwa, King of Hearts, King of England, King of the Plains, King of Clubs, Duke of Artagnan, City Hall, Bengal, Bright Eve, San Francisco, Sitting Bull, Chesapeake Bay, Elliot Bay, Bakers Bay, Coos Bay, Deepwater Bay, Monterey Bay, Hudson Bay, San Diego, May, Handsome Stag, August, Skidoo, Dobbin, Ukelele, and Chick To.

Race No. 11: The Kalgan Plate: 7 Furlongs.

Peter, Pepper, Green Slip, Erstwhile, Meanwhile, Fair Eyes, Kaa, Baloo, Slang River, Little River, The Gannet, The Grouse, Bar Boy, Madeira, Busaco, The Haugh, Horsford, Sidi-Bishr, Dumfries, Gap Rock, Movanager, Berwick, Oplum Dick, Fook Shau, Zed, Lye Green, King Constantine, Masonic Hall, Golly, Shingle, Brown Jug, Ploughman, Geronimo, Bay of Greenland, Tarzan, Pitchfork, Sea Front, Northern Stag, Southern Stag, Easing Wold, Loch Tay, Loch Lomond II, Dundee, Spinner, Skipper, Chatto, Galopin, Cat Call, and Social Call.

LOCAL TENNIS.

U.S.R.C. ANNUAL TOURNAMENT.

RESULTS TO DATE.

Following are the results to date of the United Service Recreation Club tournament:—

Open Singles (Tottenham Cup).

First Round.

Lt. Comdr. de Winton beat Sub Lt. Lonsdale, 6-4, 9-7.

Capt. H. L. Graham beat Pay-Lt. Waters, 6-1, 6-1.

Col. Russell-Brown beat G. C. Grove, 6-2, 6-4.

Lt. Hale beat Major Cox, 6-1, 6-1.

Lt. Gordon Duff beat H. R. Remington, 3-6, 6-4, 6-4.

Major Stevenson beat Lt. Comdr. MacNair, 6-0, 6-4.

Second Round.

Surg.-Lt. Comdr. North beat Lt. Comdr. de Winton, 6-3, 6-1.

Lt. Hale beat Lt. Gordon Duff, 6-2, 6-3.

Major Stevenson beat Capt. MacNair, 6-1, 6-1.

Men's Open Doubles.

First Round.

Lt. Healing and Lt. Hale beat Lt. Kealy and Lt. Foord, 6-0, 6-1.



Miss Betty Nuthall, who gained fame by her prowess as a tennis star and member of the English team which played in Britain last summer has entered the movie. Betty hopes to play Helen Mills in next year's championship match.

Major Stevenson and Major Lucas beat Col. Russell-Brown and A. B. Raworth, 6-3, 6-3.

Lt. Lipscomb and Lt. Gordon Duff beat N. Evans and Major Lynch, 6-1, 6-5.

Surg.-Lt. Comdr. North and Pay-Lt. Waters beat Lt. Comdr. MacNair and Capt. MacNair, 6-3, 6-3.

Second Round.

Capt. H. L. Graham and Capt. Tyringham beat Lt. Comdr. de Winton and Lt. Hardcastle, 6-4, 6-3.

Major Stevenson and Major Lucas beat Lt. Healing and Lt. Hale, 6-0, 7-5.

Surg.-Lt. Comdr. North and Pay-Lt. Waters beat Lt. Lipscomb and Lt. Gordon Duff, 6-4, 6-4.

Rev. G. K. Hewitt and Capt. A. Whitworth w.o. from Dr. Tottenham and Rev. Alexander.

Mixed Doubles Open.

First Round.

Col. and Mrs. Russell-Brown w.o. from Miss Braithwaite and Lt. Atkinson.

Dr. and Mrs. Tottenham w.o. from Mr. and Mrs. C. P. F. Jones.

Miss Tyringham and Surg.-Lt. Comdr. North beat Mrs. Lynch and Lt. Healing, 6-1, 6-0.

Mrs. Grimbé and Major Lucas beat Mrs. Remington and Pay-Lt. Waters, 6-1, 6-0.

Second Round.

Mrs. Caswell and Capt. H. L. Graham beat Mrs. Claridge and Lt. Gordon Duff, 6-3, 6-3.

Mrs. Grimbé and Major Lucas beat Miss Tyringham and Surg.-Lt. Comdr. North, 6-7, 6-0, 6-2.

Lady Stuart Taylor and A. B. Raworth beat Miss Luard and Mr. Kear, 6-3, 6-4.

The positions of the surviving competitors in the three events are:

Open Singles Championship.

To meet in the first semi-final:—

Surg.-Lt. Comdr. North to meet winner of Capt. H. L. Graham and Col. Russell-Brown.

To meet in the second semi-final:—

Lt. Hale v. Major Stevenson.

Open Doubles Championship.

To meet in the first semi-final:—

Capt. Graham and Capt. Tyringham v. Major Stevenson and Major Lucas.

To meet in the second semi-final:—

Surg.-Lt. Comdr. North and Pay-Lt. Waters v. Rev. G. K. Hewitt and Capt. A. Whitworth.

Mixed Doubles Championship.

To meet in the first semi-final:—

Mrs. Caswell and Capt. H. L. Graham v. winners of Col. and Mrs. Russell-Brown and Dr. and Mrs. Tottenham.

To meet in the second semi-final:—

Mrs. Grimbé and Major Lucas v. Lady Stuart Taylor and A. B. Raworth.

YACHTING.

DOROTHEA WINS ON SATURDAY.

WEEK END RESULTS.

The seventh Championship race for racing yachts took place at the Royal-Hong Kong Yacht Club on Saturday afternoon. Some excellent races were witnessed, with the following results:—

Course:—(1) North Fairway Buoy (S), (2) East Rock Buoy (S).

Distance: 7.6 miles.

Handicap Class.

Finishing Corrected Time.

Dorothea (1) ... 5.03.55 ... 4.56.19

La Linda (2) ... 5.05.49 ... 5.00.07

Rolla (3) ... 5.00.11 ... 5.00.11

Colleen (4) ... 5.07.43 ... 5.01.23

Argulla II (5) ... 5.11.40 ... 5.04.04

Drana (6) ... 5.06.23 ... 5.05.23

Sallon (7) ... 5.18.25 ... 5.10.49

"Y" and "G" Classes.

Finishing Corrected Time.

Daphne (1) ... 5.14.49 ... 5.14.49

Halcyon (2) ... 5.15.22 ... 5.15.22

Aska (3) ... 5.15.42 ... 5.15.42

Gael (4) ... 5.36.45 ... 5.31.03

Thecla (5) ... 5.39.32 ... 5.39.02

Pierrette (6) ... 5.43.29 ... 5.40.19

Viking (7) ... 5.53.35 ... 5.45.21

Joan (8) ... 5.58.39 ... 5.52.57

Finishing Corrected Time.

Lola (1) ... 5.39.39 ... 5.34.35

Adela (2) ... 5.35.36 ... 5.35.36

Wings (3) ... 5.35.50 ... 5.35.50

Borjura (4) ... 5.38.49 ... 5.36.49

Why Wonder? (5) ... 5.40.46 ... 5.40.46

Adanae (6) ... 5.43.11 ... 5.45.11

Bluenose (7) ... 5.47.00 ... 5.47.00

YESTERDAY'S RACE.

Club Defeats the United Services.

Yesterday the Yacht Club's team raced against a team from the Army and won by the comfortable margin of 12 points. The racing took place both in the morning and afternoon, and yachts were exchanged.

The results were as follow:—

Morning Race.

Course:—Start: Club Line West to East, Lyemum Beacon (S), Lyemum Line Mark (S), Channel Rocks (S). Finish: Lyemum Line S. West to N. East: Distance, 6.0 miles.

R.H.K.Y.C.

Why Wonder? N. Crancher ... 9

Bluenose, F. C. Vaux ... 15

Adela, F. D. Tracy ... 10

L. la, R. O. Sutherland ... 8

Alisa, H. S. Rouse ... 13

Gael, Commodore J. L. Pearson ... 13

Joan, C. E. L. Grist ... 7

Points obtained by R.H.K.Y.C. 69

Army.

Wings, J. Scott-Elliott ... 11

Boojum, Capt. F. G. L. Gains ... 11

Adanae, Capt. E. S. Bingham ... 12

Daphne, R. Peyton Reid ... 12

Pierrette, Major J. P. S. Greig ... 8

Viking, Cal. Cardew ... 4

Thecla, Lt. Treadwell ... 1

Points obtained by Army ... 47

Afternoon Race.

Course:—Start: Lyemum Line S. West to N. East, Mark in Little Sai Wan Bay (P), Lyemum Beacon (P), Lyemum Line Mark (P), Lyemum Beacon (P). Finish: Club Line East to West: Distance, 5.0 miles.

R.H.K.Y.C.

Wings, N. Crancher ... 10

Boojum, W. D. Russell ... 11

Adanae, Com. H. C. Marshall ... 11

Daphne, R. O. Sutherland ... 13

Pierrette, H. S. Rouse ... 6

Viking, Major Miles ... 6

Thecla, R. J. Vernal ... 4

Points for afternoon race ... 53

Points for morning race ... 59

Total points R.H.K.Y.C. ... 112

Army.

Why Wonder? J. Scott-Elliott ... 12

Bluenose, Lt. Col. H. B. Gunn ... 7

Adela, Capt. E. H. L. Jacobs ... 8

Larkcom ... 8

Lola, M. E. J. Barne ... 6

Alisa, Major J. P. Greig ... 15

Joan, Lt. Col. V. Coates ... 2

Points for afternoon race ... 52

Points for morning race ... 47

Total points for Army ... 99

Dog-Racing Frauds.

Sensational frauds by grayhound breeders in Irish country districts have come to light. There is evidence that many of the racing grayhounds sold to English syndicates were not the dogs they were represented to be, and that the pedigrees supplied with them were faked.

The Irish Coursing Club, which controls grayhound racing as well as coursing proper in this country, is likely to take drastic action in the matter in the immediate future.

Mr. T. A. Morris, secretary of the Irish Coursing Club, and keeper of the Irish Stud Book, stated: "Certificates have been forged. Legal steps were immediately taken, and the matter is in the hands of the police." It has been found that the registration form of the club has been duplicated in many cases and in others bogus registration forms describing dogs, many of whom are dead, have been offered for sale. The proprietors, of course, acted unwittingly.

LOCAL FOOTBALL.

EASILY WIN FINAL TEST GAME.

GOSANO'S BRILLIANCE.

Interport Test.

Interport XI ... 4 The Rest ... 2

Kowloon ... 8 H.M.S. "Argus" ... 2

Chinese Athletic ... 5 South China "B" ... 0

K.O.S.B. Regt. 1 South China "A" ... 0

Kowloon Res. 1 St. Joseph's ... 3

Recreio ... 1 University ... 4

The soccer players who are to represent Hong Kong in the Interport game at Shanghai were on view for the last time on Saturday and, as the result of their showing, will take with them the confidence of local enthusiasts that the side will, whatever the result of the match, put up a good fight.

The Interporters beat a very strong side by four goals to two and had to work hard to do it.

What particularly pleased the large crowd on the Club ground was the scoring abilities of our forwards. In this connection, the clever Portuguese centre-forward, stood out. His performance was brilliant. He scored two of the representative team's goals, but was never selfish with the ball, continually swinging it to the wings with delightful accuracy and indulging in pretty and effective close passing with his inside men. Below I touch upon the players' individual performances.

The getting-together of an exceptionally strong team to oppose the Interporters naturally sapped the strength of many of the senior Clubs, in consequence of which there were only four League matches decided, and these all junior division fixtures.

At Kowloon there was an interesting friendly game between the local club and H.M.S. "Argus" which the former won by the odd goal in five.

A fine crowd gave the teams a big reception. The Rest XI turned out a very strong side, the Interport XI being as selected.

The teams lined out as under:—

Hong Interport XI.—Goal: Clarke (Police). Backs: Ng Kam-chuen (Chinese Athletic), Lai Yuk-tat (Chinese Athletic), Half-backs: Remedios (Recreio),



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LOCAL SOCCER.

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The halves cannot be criticised excepting to say that Lai Yuk-tat was everything that a right half should be, and Sims was Sims at his best with Remedios right up to form.

As to the forwards, two men stood out in a great match—Suen Kam-shun and Gosano on this form are the best forwards in Hong Kong, and if they reproduce this form Shanghai will not win.

Gosano was the ideal centre forward—thrilling, dashing and distributing his passes like a master, and Suen was cleverness itself, Alexander, on the left, played as I expected he would in a big game and pleased his supporters, and the right wing, although not up to the standard of their colleagues, did many good things. On this form Hong Kong will not be disgraced at Shanghai.

KOWLOON FRIENDLY.

Football Club Beat H.M.S. "Argus."

This game was played at Kowloon on Saturday and resulted in a win for Kowloon, who were not at full strength, owing to the Interport Trial game on the Club ground. Kowloon were very early on the attack, and a shot at goal was tipped over in a corner being forced, but without result.

The Navy lads then went forward, and Smith scored their first goal with a lovely cross shot.

Kowloon were not long in getting on equal terms, Tiernan heading in a centre from the right wing. The men of the "Argus" were forcing the game, and a good bit of forward play gave the Navy their second goal.

Kowloon were not to be outdone, for from the kick-off the forwards worked the ball down, and scored through Spary. Within two minutes Kowloon scored their third goal; Muir making a solo run on the left, working in and scoring.

The score at half time was Kowloon 3, H.M.S. "Argus" 2.

The game started quiet in the second half, until the teams warmed up to their work, Kowloon doing most of the pressing, but spoiling their chances through being off side. No further score was added in this half, the result being as at half time: Kowloon 3, H.M.S. "Argus" 2.

Division II "A."

KOWLOON RESERVES LOSE TO ST. JOSEPH'S.

A sparkling game was witnessed at the Kowloon Football Club ground between Kowloon Reserves and St. Joseph's, resulting in a win for St. Joseph's.

From the kick off Kowloon were unfortunate in not scoring from a scrimmage in front of goal, through being off side. A free kick was given to St. Joseph's soon after, a corner being forced, which was put behind. St. Joseph's then went on to attack, two goals being scored in quick succession by Smith and R. M. Omar. The score at half time was St. Joseph's 2; Kowloon Reserves 0.

On resumption of play Bias came up to centre half and put more life in the Kowloon side, who made strenuous efforts to get on level terms, but they could accrue only one goal through Spary, Barrios adding to St. Joseph's score, thus enabling them to win by three goals to one.

UNIVERSITY BEAT RECREIO.

This 2nd Division League match, through an arrangement between the two teams, was played at King's Park, and ended in a win for the University who scored twice in the first half through P. C. Lim and L. Oppenheim.

HOME SOCCER.

THIRD ROUND CUP RESULTS.

CHELSEA OUT.

London, Saturday.

The results in the Third Round proper in the English Football Association Cup, are as under:—

Middlesbrough 3, S. Shields 0.
Rotherham 3, Exeter 3.
London Cals. 2, Crewe 3.
Hull 0, Leicester 1.
Liverpool 1, Darlington 0.
Huddersfield 4, Lincoln 2.
Southport 3, Fulham 0.
Notts. Forest 1, Tranmere 0.
Blackpool 1, Oldham 4.
Manchester Un. 7, Brentford 1.
Stoke 6, Gillingham 1.
Cardiff 2, Southampton 1.
Arsenal 2, West Brom. A. 0.
Charlton 1, Bury 1.
Wrexham 2, Swansea 1.
Wednesday 3, Bournemouth 0.
Bristol C. 1, Tottenham 2.
Preston N.E. 0, Everton 3.
Port Vale 3, Barnsley 0.
Millwall 1, Derby 2.
Notts. County 2, Sheffield Un. 3.
Bolton W. 2, Luton 1.
Birmingham 4, Peterborough 3.
New Brighton 3, Corinthians 1.
Sunderland 3, Northampton 3.
Manchester City 1, Leeds 0.
Blackburn 4, Newcastle 1.
Swindon 1, Clapton Orient 1.
Preston N.E. 0, West Ham 2.
Reading 4, Grimsby 0.
Burnley 0, Aston Villa 2.
Wolves 2, Chelsea 1.
The London Caledonians v. Crewe match was played at Chelsea.

LEAGUE RESULTS.

Division III. (S.).

Coventry 5, Torquay U. 1.
Merthyr T. 1, Plymouth A. 4.
Newport C. 2, Norwich C. 2.
Queen's P. Rangers 3, Southend U. 2.
Walsall 1, Crystal Pal. 1.
Watford 3, Brighton 3.
Division III. (N.).
Aldershot 5, Rochdale 1.
Bradford C. 4, Durham 0.
Chesterfield 3, Accrington S. 1.
Doncaster R. 4, Barrow 0.
Hartlepool 1, Bradford 1.
Halifax T. Nelson 1.
Wigan Boro' 1, Stockport 3.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE.

Aberdeen 6, Clyde 0.
Airdrieonians 2, Rangers 7.
Bo'ness 2, Dumbarton 1.
Celtic 3, Dumbarton 4.
Cowdenbeath 3, Hamilton A. 1.
Hearts 4, Queen's Park 2.
Motherwell 3, Kilmarnock 3.
Partick T. 5, Raith R. 0.
St. Johnstone 5, Dundee 1.
St. Mirren 3, Falkirk 2.

LEAGUE TABLES.

Division III.—South.										
	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.			
Millwall	23	16	3	4	72	32	35			
Northants	21	14	2	5	57	32	30			
Exeter	22	11	8	3	48	28	30			
Plymouth	23	18	8	7	62	34	29			
Charlton	21	9	9	3	31	29	27			
Swindon	19	10	5	4	51	37	25			
Brighton	23	10	5	8	47	41	25			
Q.P.R.	22	10	4	8	31	23	24			
Newport	22	9	7	6	40	37	24			
Southend	21	11	1	9	38	35	23			
Bournemouth	22	8	5	9	36	39	21			
Brentford	22	8	5	9	36	39	21			
Crystal Pal.	21	8	7	7	31	42	20			
Norwich	22	7	8	7	44	40	20			
Coventry	22	8	4	10	42	50	20			
Gillingham	21	5	7	9	33	44	17			
Merthyr	22	6	7	12	34	51	17			
Watford	22	6	4	12	37	44	16			
Bristol Rov.	22	7	13	4	37	57	16			
Walsall	23	6	8	14	31	62	15			
Torquay	22	4	12	21	55	14	14			
Luton	21	5	8	13	47	49	13			
Division III.—North.										
	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.			
Bradford	23	18	3	2	56	24	37			
Doncaster	23	15	4	4	51	18	34			
Stockport	23	13	3	7	45	30	29			
Tranmere	21	11	6	4	49	28	28			
Lincoln	24	12	4	8	47	47	28			
Aldershot	24	10	7	7	48	36	27			
Accrington	23	9	8	6	45	34	25			
Wrexham	23	11	3	9	37	35	25			
Hartlepool	23	10	5	10	43	45	25			
Bradford C.	22	8	7	7	49	38	24			
Rochdale	22	11	1	10	47	49	23			
Darlington	22	9	4	9	46	37	22			
Chesterfield	24	8	10	40	44	22	22			
Southport	22	9	2	11	45	42	20			
N. Brighton	21	7	5	9	36	34	19			
Crewe	23	6	7	10	42	48	19			
Rotherham	23	6	10	35	37	18	18			
Nelson	23	7	3	13	44	70	17			
Durham	24	6	5	13	42	59	17			
Ashington	24	5	7	12	38	64	17			
Wigan	23	5	5	13	29	58	15			
Barrow	24	4	6	14	30	67	14			

ATHLETIC MUCH SUPERIOR.

The game between Chinese Athletic and South China "B" at the Valley before the big match attracted a good crowd. In the first half the Athletic, who fielded a strong side, missed on many occasions, the interval arriving with no score. In the second half the Athletic overran their opponents and scored with ease, putting on five goals without response.

The game was interesting but the Athletic were very much superior in the second half, their team work and combination being extremely good.

For South China the inside right and centre half played well, and of the backs the right back did well under pressure. The Athletic were strong fore and aft, and once they got the measure of their opponents, scored easily. The left wing, right half back and left back played well for the Athletic, who also possessed a good goalie, one able to deal with South China's attacks with ease.

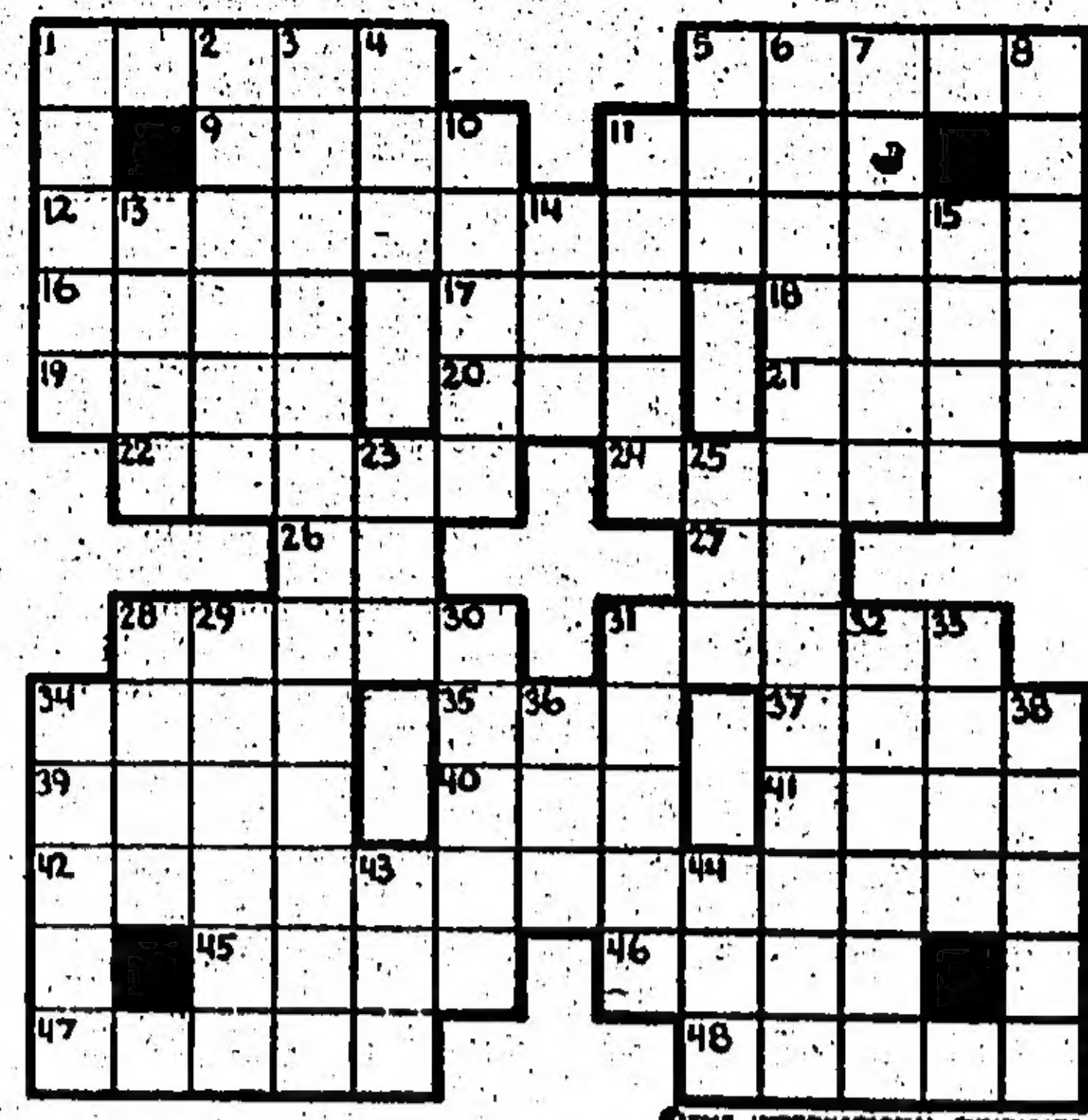
YESTERDAY'S GAMES.

Two charity matches took place yesterday in aid of the St. Joseph's Home for Aged Poor. These resulted as follows:—

Sacred Heart Juniors, 5; H.M.S. "Marazion," 2.
Sacred Heart Juniors, 2; R.A.F., 1.

DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and alkali.)



HORIZONTAL

1-What is the ringed
4-The moon
5-Catapulted
9-What deity, with
Brahma and
Vishnu, forms the
Hindu trinity?
11-Kind
12-To sow broadcast
13-Who discovered
Greenland?
14-A time period
15-What Russian czar
was called the
"Terrible"?
16-Identical
17-What is the legal
profession
18-What is called?
19-What are the forest
trees of a region
called, collectively?
21-What are the dens
of wild animals?
22-Musical note
23-Termination of
adjectives
24-What are notable
performances?
25-Of an axis
26-A design
27-What is the
sovereign of
Afghanistan
called?
28-Choice

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

40-A shade tree
41-The moon
42-What are persons
who obtain what
they want by
violence or
threats?
43-What are particular
shades of color?
44-What is a brief
letter?
47-What is an
appointment to
meet?
48-What famous Greek
sculptor of the 5th
century, B.C.,
carved the
Runner?
VERTICAL
1-A viper
2-To convert into
bone
3-Variouly mixed
4-What is the
salutation to the
Virgin called?
5-What serpent
crushes its prey in
its folds?
6-What is the quality
of being produced
by art rather
than by nature?
7-A small Dutch coin
8-What English
divine founded the
metaphysical
school of poetry?

VERTICAL (Cont.)

10-A simple form of
animal life
11-A tangle, as of hair
12-The rainbow
personified as the
messenger of Juno
14-Man's name
15-A common
breakfast food
22-A cluster
23-A cathedral city in
S. France
24-From what plant
are the fibers of
linen obtained?
25-Gross
26-In proof reading,
lets stand
31-Who was the
god of the ancient
Egyptians?
32-An entertainer
33-What is the soft
down of ravets
called?
34-Crushed
35-What is the first
name of the hero
of "The Forty
Thieves"?
38-An amorphous
substance that
exudes from some
plants
43-To soak, as flax
44-What is the French
for "name"?

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will
appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word
puzzle.)

SATURDAY'S SOLUTION.



SCOTTISH LEAGUE.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Rangers	24	18	4	2	77	24	40
Motherwell	25	16	6	3	68	29	38
Celtic	24	15	6	3	64	21	36
Hearts	25	14	4	7	57	33	32
Kilmarnock	25	11	7	7	47	49	29
St. Mirren	25	13	8	9	51	64	27
Partick	25	11	5	9	61	47	27
Cowdenbeath	25	11	5	9	44	46	27
Aberdeen	26	12	8	11	48	47	27
Falkirk	25	12	2	11	50	41	26
Hibernians	25	10	5	10	51	45	25
St. Johnstone	26	10	5	11	47	50	25
Airdrie	25	7	8	10	39	49	22
Dundee	25	9	4	12	41	52	22
Queen's Park	25	7	5	13	45	52	19
Hamilton	25	7	4	14	47	58	18
Leith R.	24	6	5	13	45	52	17
Clyde	25	7	8	15	32	58	17
Bo'ness	24	6	2	16	20	61	14
Dunfermline	25	3	2	20	22	69	8

RUGBY FOOTBALL.

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points to 3.—Reuter.

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LOCAL CRICKET.

WILL UNIVERSITY WIN SENIOR LEAGUE?

COLLAPSE OF I.R.C. "A."

A feature of Saturday's cricket was the defeat of the Indian R.C. "A" at the hands of the Royal Navy in the Senior League. This is the former's first reverse, but as they have dropped seven points to date (having previously played two drawn matches), they are practically out of the running for first place. The University seniors have further strengthened their position but they have still to reckon with the Royal Navy and the Kowloon C.C.

In the junior division the Kowloon C.C. 2nd and the Royal Navy 2nd won their matches against the Royal Engineers and Civil Service C.C. 2nd respectively.

In the friendly encounters, the Hong Kong C.C. 1st XI easily accounted for the Civil Service C.C. 1st XI. At Causeway Bay, "Ewo" had the better of the argument against "Taikoo" in their annual "hong" fixture.

Altogether ten matches were played, and as was the case last week, a definite decision was arrived at in every game.

League Matches.

Division I.

I.R.C. "A" v. NAVY.

On their own ground, the Indian R.C. "A" lost to the Royal Navy by six wickets.

The Navy bowlers were in top form, Sparrow's analysis of 3 wickets for 4 runs being the best. Wood took 3 wickets for 10, whilst Lt. Comdr. Thomson (4 for 28) also played a great part in getting the Indians out for the small total of 52. Madar (14) and Ackbar (11) were the only batsmen to reach double figures. Mr. "Extras" (15) being the largest contributor.

The visitors passed their opponents' total for the loss of four wickets and went on to make 202. Pay Lt. Comdr. Shaw (74) hit out to good effect. Tel. Woods, going in towards the end, collected 67 runs. A. R. Minu (4 for 27) was the most successful of ten bowlers who were tried for the I.R.C. Scores:—

Indian R.C. "A".	
A. el Arculli, b Thomson	1
A. S. Suffad, b Wood	1
A. H. Madar, l.b.w., b Hill	14
J. S. A. Curraem, c Davis, b Thomson	1
O. Ismail, b Wood	2
A. K. Minu, b Wood	0
A. S. Ackbar, c Hill, b Sparrow	11
A. K. Minu, c Cecil, b Hill	1
S. H. Ismail, b Thomson	0
S. A. Ismail, c Davis, b Thomson	0
A. H. Rumjahn, not out	7
Extras	15
Total	52

Bowling Analysis.	O.	M.	R.	W.
Thomson	12	5	23	4
Wood	7	0	10	3
Sparrow	6	4	4	3

Royal Navy.	
Rev. R. T. Venn, b A. R. Minu	18
Lt. G. L. M. Salter, c S. A. Ismail, b Madar	1
Lt. Cecil, c and b A. R. Minu	8
Lt. Davis, c Madar, b A. R. Minu	1
Lt. K. Hunt, c Madar, b Suffad	21
Pay Lt. Comdr. A. P. Shaw, b S. H. Ismail	74
Lt. Comdr. Thomson, b Suffad	5
Lt. Healing, run out	0
Tel. Woods, c Rumjahn, b A. R. Minu	67
E. R. A. Sparrow, run out	4
E. R. A. Hill, not out	0
Extras	13
Total	202

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Sparrow	6	4	4	3

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Bowling Analysis.

Lyal	11	8	18
Goodwin	13	8	26
Brace	6	2	16
E. F. Fincher	5	1	15
Ross	3	0	19
Murray	3	0	12
Bevis	2.5	0	17
Kowloon C.C.			
W. Brace, run out			
A. W. Ramsay, b Oliver			
F. G. Bevis, c Fritz, b Hameon			
F. E. Lawrence, l.w., b Fritz			
F. Goodwin, not out			
E. C. Fincher, b Fritz			
E. F. Fincher, not out			
Extras			

Kowloon C.C.	
W. Brace, run out	9
A. W. Ramsay, b Oliver	10
F. G. Bevis, c Fritz, b Hamsen	10
F. E. Lawrence, l.b.w., b Fritz	49
F. Goodwin, not out	37
E. C. Fincher, b Fritz	4
E. F. Fincher, not out	15
Extras	15
Total (for 5 wks.)	142

UNIVERSITY v. C.R.C.

At Pokfulam, the University defeated the Chinese R.C. by six wickets.	
For the losers, Youngsaye (18) and Kwan (16) put up almost half of the total between them, the others making little headway against fairly consistent bowling on the part of the University. Lam captured four wickets at a cost of four runs each, Gutierrez took 2 for 14 and Rumjahn 2 for 19.	
To make only 77 runs to win, the issue was never in doubt for the University as they compiled 123 for six wickets. Scores:—	

Chinese R.C.	
T. E. Yeoh, c Gittins, b Gutierrez	7
W. C. Hung, c Sling, b Lam	5
Ng Sze-kwong, c Samy, b Lam	4
H. Hung, c Rumjahn, b Lam	1
C. Choa, b Lam	1
L. L. Youngsaye, c and b Lee	18
W. Kwan, c Rumjahn, b Gittins	16
H. Ching, b Rumjahn	0
K. C. Hung, b Rumjahn	2
K. L. Chai, b Gutierrez	4
Tsui Wai-pui, not out	4
Extras	10
Total	76

Bowling Analysis.	O.	M.	R.	W.
Gutierrez	6	0	14	2
Lam	13	5	16	4
Zimmerman	3	1	13	0
Rumjahn	10	3	19	2
Lee	5	4	4	1
Gittins	1	0	0	1

Division II.

NAVY 2nd v. C.S.C.C. 2nd.

Crossing over to King's Park, the Civil Service C.C. 2nd went down to the Royal Navy 2nd by six wickets.

The winners scored 141 for eight wickets (declared), thanks chiefly to Sub-Lt. Lonsdale and Lt. Comdr. Moore with 39 and 26 respectively. Grimitt (5 for 38) bowled well, but the others were expensive.

Civil Service, batting 10 men, replied with 78, in spite of a good start from Davies who made 23. Scores:—

NAVY 2nd XI.	
Sub-Lt. Lonsdale, b Robertson	30
Lt. Comdr. MacNair, b Robertson	21
Lt. Comdr. Pears, c and b	9
Grimitt	5
Lt. Comdr. Woodhouse, b	2
Grimitt	2
Sgt. Lugg, b Grimitt	2
Lt. Comdr. Collinson, c Davies, b Grimitt	10
Lt. Comdr. Moore, not out	26
P. O. Orchard, b Robertson	16
Sub-Lt. Dobson, c Robertson, b Grimitt	15
Extras	15
Total (for 8 wks., dec.)	141

Bowling Analysis.	O.	M.	R.	W.
Sara	4	9	19	6
Robertson	14	2	54	3
Grimitt	13	1	38	5
Trengrove	7	0	15	0

C.S.C.C. 2nd XI.	
R. R. Davies, b Lugg	29
W. D. F. Wilson, b Griffin	4
F. H. W. Haynes, b Collinson	4
H. F. Harper, c Pears, b	7
Collinson	14
H. J. Pearce, b Orchard	14
R. G. Robertson, b Orchard	9
A. W. Grimitt, not out	9
R. Trengrove, b Orchard	6
S. E. Alderman, b Orchard	1
G. Sull, run out	0
C. Sara, b Lugg	0
Extras	2
Total	78

Bowling Analysis.	O.	M.	R.	W.
Collinson	9	0	42	2
Orchard	13	8	27	4
Lugg	6	1	5	2
Dobson	1	0	2	0
Total	29	9	74	8

K.C.C. 2nd v. R.E.

On their own ground, the Kowloon C.C. 2nd easily accounted for the Royal Engineers.

Against the bowling of Lee (5 for 22), Overy (1 for 8) and Raven (4 for 14), the visitors put up the small total of 47.

The home team made 144 for 8 wickets, Lindell and Hyde getting 42 each. Carnegie took two wickets for two runs in three overs. Scores:—

Royal Engineers.	
Sgt. Waters, b Lee	14
Capt. Doyle, b Overy	1
C.S.M. Kennard, c Buxton, b Lee	1
Capt. Carnegie, st Smith, b Raven	4
S/Sgt. Peachey, b Raven	2
S/Sgt. Mitchell, b Raven	2
Sgt. Harrison, c Lindell, b Lee	1
Lt. Macdonald, not out	1
Spr. Gillespie, b Lee	1
Sgt. Panny, b Raven	1
Spr. Licence, b Lee	1
Extras	3
Total	47

Bowling Analysis.	O.	M.	R.	W.
Lee	12.3	7	22	5
Overy	4	2	8	1
Raven	8	3	14	4

Kowloon C.C. 2nd XI.	
R. E. Lindell, c Macdonald, b Waters	42
F. Hamblin, c Licence, b Harrison	2
C. T. Evans, c Macdonald, b Harrison	0
A. W. Hyde, c Waters, b Harrison	42
A. A. Dand, c and b Waters	4
G. A. V. Hall, c Waters, b Carnegie	9
A. R. F. Raven, c Waters, b Carnegie	2
W. T. Buxton, not out	0
A. J. W. Smith, c Licence, b Harrison	33
Extras	10
Total (for 8 wks.)	144

Bowling Analysis.

HONG KONG C.C. v. C.S.C.C.

On the Club ground, the Civil

service C.C. 1st XI lost to the Hong

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Friendly Matches.

HONG KONG C.C. v. C.S.C.C.

On the Club ground, the Civil Service C.C. 1st XI lost to the Hong Kong C.C. 1st XI by 54 runs.

A big first-wicket partnership of 167 runs between Hayward (80) and Leach (88 not out) was responsible for the respectable score of 177 for four wickets (declared) made by the H.K.C.C.

Leach, taking five wickets for 28 runs was also in good bowling form. Sutherland hit out enterprisingly for 24 whilst Holdman made 23 runs. Scores:—

Hong Kong C.C.	
A. W. Hayward, b Reed	80
D. W. Leach, not out	88
K. H. Batger, b Reed	0
H. J. Armstrong, run out	1
M. D. Scott, b Hamilton	3
T. E. Pearce, not out	10
Extras	10
Total (for 4 wks.)	177

Civil Service C.C.	
B. R. Sayer, c Pearce, b Leach	14
G. D. Evans, b Parker	1
A. E. Wood, b Leach	1
E. H. Strange, b Tait	6
A. W. Hamilton, c Tait, b Leach	7
R. A. Sutherland, c Armstrong, b Leach	24
B. C. K. Hawkins, b Leach	5
F. H. Holdman, c and b R. Hancock	23
W. H. Edmonds, c Pearce, b Hancock	5
E. B. Reed, b Hancock	17
F. J. Ling, not out	0
Extras	6
Total	123

Bowling Analysis.	O.	M.	R.	W.
Leach	13	3	28	5
Parker	15	2	39	1
Tait	3	0	34	1
R. Hancock	5.1	1	16	3

"EWO" v. "TAKOO".	
In their annual "hong" match which was played on the Chinese R.C. ground at Causeway Bay, Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co. ("Ewo") defeated Messrs. Butterfield & Swire ("Taikoo") by 40 runs.	
Scoring was low on both sides, the winners getting 104 whilst B. and S. made 64.	
Griffin, for Jardine's, took 6 wickets for 51 and Cornaby (B. & S.) 5 for 15. Scores:—	

"Ewo" (Jardine's).	
D. G. M. Bernard, b Griffin	40
W. D. F. Wilson, b Griffin	29
W. R. Brackenridge, c Crawford, b Griffin	4
W. B. Cornaby, c Gillingham, b Bailey	14
F. A. Pollock, c Spicer, b Griffin	6
G. J. Purves, b Bailey	5
A. D. Gordon, b Griffin	18
D. Lyon, not out	21
C. A. Mason, b Crawford	0
C. A. Simon, c Hinton, b Crawford	2
Extras	2
Total	104

Bowling Analysis.	O.	M.	R.	W.
Griffin	12	0	51	6
Cornaby	9	0	15	5
Crawford	2.4	0	16	2

"Taikoo" (B. & S.).

A. H. Gillingham, run out	
O. Moor, b Cornaby	6
H. Parsons, c Gordon, b Bernard	19
H. Spicer, b Cornaby	18
J. D. H. Crawford, b Cornaby	0
J. R. Hinton, b Cornaby	0
J. S. Robinson, b Cornaby	0
R. W. Wallace, b Bernard	3
H. Griffin, not out	4
R. M. Chaloner, b Bernard	1
W. C. Bailey, run out	1
Extras	1
Total	64

Bowling Analysis.

P.R.C. v. RECREIO.

In a twelve-a-side match Happy Valley, the Police R.C. d

P.R.C. v. RECREIO.

In a twelve-a-side match at Happy Valley, the Police R.C. defeated the Club de Recreio by one wicket.

Bowlers had the upper hand throughout, a feature of the game being the performance of the "hat-trick" by B. G. Baker for the Police. Scores:—

Police R.C.	
W. Meadows, b Pinna	13
B. G. Baker, b Alves	4
E. H. Oyler, b Alves	4
W. Williamson, c Noronha, b Pinna	5
S. Randle, c Lopes, b Alves	6
B. Thorpe, b Alves	1
L. Wagland, c Sousa, b Alves	0
A. Reynolds, b Reed	0
A. V. Baker, c Barros, b Reed	0
J. Riddle, b Silva	4
F. Garford, not out	4
S. Kelly, st Barros, b Reed	9
Extras	9
Total	62

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Xavier	3	0	6	
Remedios	2	2	0	
Alves	5	1	10	
Pinna	4	0	18	
Reed	3	0	10	

Club de Recreio.

E. de Sousa, run out	
M. Pinna, c Wagland, b Randle	0
Brimblecombe, b Randle	0
A. A. Barros, c Randle, b B. G. Baker	0
A. Remedios, b B. G. Baker	0
J. Ribeiro, b Randle	0
R. C. Reed, b Randle	0
H. A. Alves, l.b.w., b B. G. Baker	0
L. J. Silva, b B. G. Baker	0
G. Noronha, c Randle, b B. G. Baker	0
D. Xavier, not out	0
D. Lopes, b B. G. Baker	0
Extras	2
Total	48

Bowling Analysis.

Bowling Analysis.				
	O.	M.	R.	W.
Randle	11	2	27	4
G. Baker	11	3	14	6

RECREATION UNIVERSITY

RECREIO v. VARSITY 2nd.

At King's Park, the Club de Recreio lost to the Varsity 2nd by one wicket.

Batting first, the home team made 52 to which the visitors replied with 62, after winning the match for the loss of nine wickets. Sousa (Recreio) took six wickets for 19 runs. Scores:—

Club de Recreio.	
C. Basto, c Tan, b Aziz	1
D. C. Alves, run out	8
C. M. Sousa, c and b Aziz	0
L. J. Gutierrez, b Suleiman	1
F. H. Carvalho, c Otani, b Kermani	3
J. H. Figueiredo, l.b.w., b Kermani	3
A. P. Silva, st (?), b Loke	1
F. Remedios, c and b Schroter	12
C. R. Silva, c Tan, b Rodrigues	6
F. V. Ribeiro, not out	0
Extras	10
Total	52

Bowling Analysis.

S. Loke, c Remedios, b Sousa	0
H. Schroter, st Guterres, b	4
Arvalho	14
A. Aziz, run out	2

Varsity 2nd XI.

l, c Remedios, b Sousa	2
B. Suleiman, c Figueiredo, b Basto	14
l. Barma, not out	9
l. Kermani, c and b Basto	6
Extras	3
Total	62
Bowling Analysis.	
	O. M. R. W.
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alho	4 0 15 1
o	2 1 0 5
er	2 0 9 0

NO ONE HURT.

COLLISION BETWEEN CAR AND CYCLE.

MURRAY CORNER.

A collision between a motor car and a motor cycle, luckily not attended by serious consequences, occurred in Des Vaux Road Central soon after noon on Saturday.

A motor car was proceeding along Des Vaux Road towards Wanchai when, arriving at the junction of Murray Road, a motor cycle, which was being ridden by a European, in turning the corner and going in the opposite direction, collided with it, the bumper of the car being damaged.

The rider of the motor cycle was thrown from his machine; excepting a shaking, he escaped injury. The front wheel of the cycle was badly buckled.

It was fortunate that both vehicles were travelling at a moderate speed, as otherwise the collision might have had more serious results.

MR. H. BIRKETT.

PROMINENT SHAREBROKER RETURNS.

Mr. H. Birkett, who has been home for some time to recuperate, returned to Hong Kong last week with Mrs. Birkett by the Blue Funnel s.s. "Hector" and is at present staying at the Hong Kong Hotel.

Mr. Birkett is a principal of Messrs. Moxon & Taylor, sharebrokers. With Dr. F. Pierce Grove, he is Joint Master of the Fanning Hunt. His interest in riding is not confined to steeplechasing as he has been a Steward of the Jockey Club and, till a few years ago, an enthusiastic owner. While Mr. and Mrs. Birkett were at home their daughter married Lt. Dangerfield, R.N., who served as Flag Lieutenant on H.M.S. "Hawkins".

Mr. G. C. Moxon. His many friends in the Colony will regret to learn that Mr. G. C. Moxon was taken straight to hospital on landing from the "Hector" last week. A few years ago he retired from the stockbroking firm which still bears his name. Mr. Moxon was also a keen racing man during his stay in the Colony.

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CORRESPONDENCE LYING AT POST OFFICE.

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Unclaimed Messages At Post Office.

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GOOD WORK.

THE ELLIS KADOORIE SCHOOL.

MANY IMPROVEMENTS.

The Hon. Sir Shou-son Chow distributed the prizes at the Ellis Kadoorie School on Saturday.

Mr. F. J. de Rome, M.B.E., B.Sc., the headmaster, in presenting the report for 1927, said:—

This is the first prize-giving for three years (since January 1925) and the first at which I have had the honour to preside. Under the circumstances perhaps I may be permitted during the course of this report to touch briefly on one or two points which do not come strictly within the review for 1927. The average attendance of 680 before the trouble of 1925 fell to 250 on re-opening in September, 1925. Since then the numbers have gradually crept up until now it is about 440.

Many applicants have been refused admittance to all classes; it was felt that the sounder policy was to rebuild the school from the bottom rather than fill up classes with casuals who far too frequently are over-age and failures in other schools. This policy I hope will bear fruit within the next year or two when the great majority of the boys in the top class will have gone right through the school.

Helping King's. Since February last year we have accommodated over 400 boys from King's College and the average attendance was nearly 800.

This has somewhat retarded the normal growth of Ellis Kadoorie School—we were very glad to shelter the King's boys under our spacious roof but I imagine both schools are glad to be separate entities again.

Within the last two years many improvements have been effected in the amenities of the building; the sanitary arrangements have been much improved both for boys and staff; the hitherto open class rooms on the top floor have been enclosed; electric light and overhead fans have been installed throughout; and the atrocious surface of our No. 1 Volley Ball court will shortly be a thing of the past.

Good Work.

In spite of the great congestion of last year and with many classes of almost 40 boys, the annual examination held last month shows that, on the whole, good work has been done—86 per cent. passed out of 750 examined. The upper sections of all classes were very good indeed but I am afraid the same cannot be said of the lower sections. It is significant that these boys are invariably much older and bigger than the smart-er boys of a class. The good results have been achieved with much school time allotted to the silent reading of library books and to General Knowledge Lessons from "Pictorial Education" (a monthly series of admirable picture photographs) and from the newspaper for the top class. The District School Syllabus has also been considerably tightened up. The General Knowledge Lessons are, I think, the most popular lessons of the week both for teachers and taught; at the recent examination questions were set in all classes on topics outside the set books. The horizon of our lowest classes was also enlarged by geography lessons on dresses, houses, habits, etc., of Eskimos, Red Indians, etc., and these were reinforced by simple diagrams for the composition of which I am indebted to various European members of the staff.

The Libraries, under the general supervision of Mr. Lo Wai-kyan, have been kept in splendid condition in spite of heavy usage. The English Library for boys consists of 700 volumes, all within the compass of a school boy and graded according to class; it is used entirely for silent reading lessons in school hours and many boys read through nine or 10 books in the course of last year. This is bound to have a great effect eventually on the boys' knowledge of English and moreover induces the habit of reading which is really one of the functions of a school. The Chinese Library of 1,200 volumes is much used for home reading. A Teachers' Library was initiated two years ago and now boasts 600 volumes, grouped under various teaching subjects; new volumes are added every few months and I am glad to say the library is largely availed of by the staff.

Many new maps, charts, pictures and local photographs have been added recently; also much apparatus for the teaching of Arithmetic and Object Lessons. The cost of all these and the libraries has been defrayed out of social funds.

Headmaster's Tests. The elaborate Half-Yearly Examination in all subjects has been abolished as unnecessary and taking up far too much time; the Headmaster's periodical tests throughout the year in Arithmetic, Dictation, Composition and Stories have been substituted.

and in future will be counted towards prizes. All boys in the school get many hours of teaching per week from a European Master or Mistress; this will have a very beneficial effect in the long run from many points of view.

Script writing was introduced in the lowest classes two years ago and there has been a marked improvement in the handwriting. The dialogues written by Mr. R. E. O. Bird many years ago are still a feature of our curriculum; occasionally they are acted in the hall in costume and H.E. the Governor expressed his approval of them when he visited the school in March, 1926.

Outdoor Activities. Games, drill, excursions by launch, train and motor-bus, swimming and educational walks are an essential part of our curriculum and I find that time allowed off during the afternoons in which to play Volley Ball competitions, football at Causeway Bay, to swim at Kennedy Town, to explore the island and the New Territories in connection with geography lessons, to visit the reservoirs, industrial undertakings, etc., does not react unfavourably on the work in school. Three or four classes are allowed off at 3 p.m. on most days to play Volley Ball; occasionally 3 or 4 football teams go to Causeway Bay for football, but the time and expense incurred in getting there makes football almost prohibitive; during the summer months about 200 boys went each afternoon, free of charge, to the Kennedy Town Bathing Beach and many boys learned to swim. I regret this will not be available in 1928.

Launch trips round the island and round the harbour have been made; trips on the K.C.R. to Shum Chun, Tai-po and Tai-po Market have been carried out and from these centres the boys explore the countryside; walking picnics over Wong Nei Chong to Tytan Tuk, and also along the various conduits and back by motor-bus have been made; and Kowloon residents are indebted to us for completely putting out of action a dozen old Ford buses in a trip to Castle Peak and Un Long. On one occasion the whole school went to a film of educational interest at the World Theatre, and Class 4 visited the Kowloon Wharves and Godowns, Tai-koo Dockyard, Corney's Glass Factory, etc.

Apart from gleaning a good knowledge of Hong Kong and its industries, all these activities afford admirable material for oral and written compositions.

The Medical Officer for Schools visited the school on many occasions and, apart from many defects in eyesight, reported favourably both on the boys and school premises. Over 700 boys were vaccinated at the school in March.

Few Staff Changes. I am glad to say there have been very few changes in the staff during the year. The discipline in spite of the large numbers has been good and improved towards the end of the year.

Old boys of E. K. S. have done well at the University this year and a number of them have graduated.

The Boy Scouts (6th Troop) is not a very flourishing organisation: it is difficult to get boys to join. At Tsing Ming they had a camp at Sai-wan, with Mr. Leung Kim-shu in charge. I note with great satisfaction that the maximum school age for admission to Class 8 has been reduced to 13; and, if faithfully carried out, this will go a long way towards purging our schools of those comparatively old and duller boys who generally leave after two or three years' tuition. These boys, as I stated earlier on, usually find their level in the lower sections of a class and cannot keep pace with their younger and brighter schoolfellows. They wander about from school to school and our influence over them is of the slightest. They only acquire a smattering of English and I think are well catered for elsewhere. Our aim is "Quality" not "Quantity."

Scholarships. I desire to thank the executors of the late Messrs. Lau Chu-pak and Chan Kai-ming, also Mr. Ho Kom-long, for their generous provision of scholarships for which there is great competition. With the increase of fees this year it would be very gratifying if I had more of such scholarships at my disposal, especially in the lower and middle classes, so that well-deserving boys could complete our full school course and eventually go to Q.C. or K.C. with the possibility of the University afterwards. I feel that eight years in the schools of Hong Kong and five or six years subsequently at the University would stamp or mould boys as to leave permanent marks; this would redound to the credit of Hong Kong and to the advantage of China—boys with discipline, ideals, and a desire to remember that character and service and not self-interest are the highest things in life.

I beg to express our cordial thanks to Sir Shou-son Chow for distributing the Scholarships and Prizes to-day; he thereby returns good for evil, for I regret to say that some of our football enthusiasts broke one or two of his windows during the summer and on occasions disturbed his post-prandial nap.

In addition to the Scholarships and Prizes to be distributed to-day, 70 Proficiency Certificates have already been given to boys in all Classes who obtained 75-80 per cent. of the total number of marks.

I also beg to thank the staff for their hard work during the year, both in work and play, under somewhat trying circumstances. I greatly appreciate the support I have had both from English and Chinese members alike. (Applause.)

Sir Shou-son Chow then distributed the prizes as follows:—

Lau Chu-pak Scholarship (2nd Instalment), Poon Ming-cho.

Tai Yau Scholarship (2nd Instalment), Lui Hok-hoi.

Lugard Scholar, Lau Ping-kwong.

Full Free Scholarships to Queen's College:—Chau Nai-chung, Fok Po-keung, Au Lai-kong, Wat Kwing-tim, Wu Ki-lim, Li Tsek-kwan.

Tai Yau Scholarship (1st Instalment), Lok Ping-cho.

Lau Chu-pak Scholarship (1st Instalment), Tong Chun-hing.

Ho Kam-tong Scholarship (Senior), Lam Tin-sang.

Chan Kai-ming Scholarship (Senior), Chu Kwong-lop.

Mrs. Lau Chu-pak Scholarship (Senior), Pang Yuk-chuen.

Ho Kam-tong Scholarship (Junior), Li Yung-kwan.

Ho Kam-tong Scholarship (for Class 6), Wong Sik-chow.

Chan Kai-ming Scholarship (Junior), Yee King-chuen.

Mrs. Lau Chu-pak Scholarship (Junior), Choi Yat-hang.

Govt. Scholarships.

Class 5 to Class 4, Lau Tin-chak; Class 6 to Class 5, Mak Cheuk-hon;

Class 7 to Class 6, Cheung Kwok-hung; Class 8 to Class 7, See To-fook.

English Prizes:—Wu Ki-ming, Wu Ki-cheuk, Wat Kwing-tim; Chow Hing-cheung, Tung Wing-ki, Chiu Fat, Pang Tin-chung, Chan Wing-tung, Chan Ka-chak, Li Kou-pak, Lam Yau-hing, Wong Sik-tung, Chau Po, Ng Kwan-hing, Li Kwan-tung, Tang Shu-cheong, Fok Ying-chung, Pang Shau-tai, Mok Shui-wai, Fung Wing-shan, Abdulla Mustafa, Leung Yu-kwong, Wong Chi-fong, Yeung Ping-lu, Wong Shiu-chuen, Leung Chun-wa, Cheung Yuk-wong, In Kwan-lun.

Special Prizes:—Chau Nai-chung, Chung Wing-kwong, Abdulla Mustafa, Mak Cheuk-hon.

King's College English Prizes:—Li Chi-tim, Yu Ping-chau, Clement Long, Lam Nga-kwong, Wong Shing-tuk, Yung Yun-man, Chan King-hoi, Kwok Pan-kwong, Lo King-sun, Lau Kwong-chung, Kung In-chik, Fok Chik-kuen, Li Yik-chung, Cheung Chok-kwan, Ma Shiu-chung, Lo Ying-pui, Au Kwok-wai, Li Chung-yu, Li Kam-woon, Li Chung-lai.

Chinese Prizes:—Lo Kun-wing, Lui Chiu-ching, Mok Cho-wing, Pang Yuk-chuen, Lau Tin-chak, Cheng King-shing (K.C.), Mak Cheuk-hon, Choi Po-cho (K.C.), Yung Yun-man (K.C.), Wong Chi-ping (K.C.), Ho Tin-hung (K.C.), Mok See-hui, Li Wing-in, Lo Hung-sang (K.C.), Kwok Pau-hing, Wu Kwong-kung (K.C.), Chau Chung-to (K.C.), Yu Yik-keung (K.C.), Hui Yu-kwong.

KOWLOON WEDDING.

MR. L. J. CAVE AND MISS GEORGINA M. HUGHES.

SOME PRETTY DRESSES.

St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon, was the scene of a pretty wedding on Saturday afternoon when Mr. Leonard James Cave, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Cave, was married to Miss Georgina May Hughes, daughter of Mr. Hughes and the late Mr. C. H. Hughes, whose death was reported in these columns recently. The Rev. W. Walton Rogers officiated, and Mr. Baldwin was at the organ. Miss Janey Weller was bridesmaid and Mrs. G. V. Hughes Matron of Honour. The bride was dressed in a gown of fine Brussels lace over a tunic of silver tissue, with Brussels lace veil, coronet of orange blossom and silver shoes and carried a bouquet of white roses and sweet peas with maidenhair fern. The bridesmaid's dress was of pale mauve tulle with silver lace cap and she had a bouquet of mauve and pink sweet peas with maidenhair fern. The bride's mother was attired in a dress of silver grey lace with black and silver hat to match and carried a bouquet of violets and maidenhair fern.

The bride was given away by Mr. V. C. Labrum and Mr. H. H. Benson acted as best man. After the ceremony friends of the couple met at the bride's home, 7, Humphrey's Building, and toasted their future happiness. Owing to the recent bereavement in the family, there was no reception. The honeymoon is being spent at Repulse Bay and Macao. The bride's going-away dress comprised a black satin coat with white fox fur and black satin hat embroidered with gold to match.

The announcement of the engagement of Miss L. Eichenbaum of the "China Press" to Mr. V. Palstra of the Shanghai Insurance Office was made on New Year's Eve.

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NEARLY A WAR.

BRITAIN'S POLICY IN CHINA.

THREATENING GESTURE.

Mrs. Fanthorpe, whose husband holds a position in the Public Health Department of the Shanghai Municipal Council, recently wrote to Mrs. Henry Monteith, of Brisbane, as follows:—

"British trade in the East, like British prestige, is rapidly reaching vanishing point, and the cost of living is soaring higher and higher. Of course, a miracle may yet happen, and the Powers reverse their present foolish China policy. A curious incident took place here a few weeks ago. We very nearly were involved in a war. A British aeroplane was forced to make a landing in Chinese territory, and the Chinese troops seized the wings of the machine, and refused to give them up. Immediately the air became thick with ultimatums. All preparations were made for a fight if the Chinese did not give up the wings by a certain time. Our troops tore up a portion of the Chinese railway line, dragged big guns into position, manned all machine gun posts, and things took on a thoroughly warlike appearance. Of course the Chinese climbed down when they saw that our troops really meant business."

"It is maddening to know that it only needs a firm attitude on the part of the Powers to straighten out affairs in this distracted country, and yet they persist in carrying on with their policy of conciliation, with disastrous results both to the foreigners and the Chinese themselves. What a queer nation we belong to! Without more than a mild protest we allow the Chinese to destroy British property to the value probably of millions of dollars; to seize British concessions and British shipping; to desecrate war memorials and cemeteries; to outrage white women; to impose illegal taxes on British subjects, and in countless other ways to commit atrocities and violate treaties. But all of a sudden we demonstrate that we are ready and willing to stage a war, because of the confiscation of a pair of aeroplane wings!"

"It is all rather bewildering, and one does not know what to say when people of other nationalities ask us to explain the why and wherefore of the Government's action or inaction."

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WATER SUPPLY.

Level and Storage of water in Reservoirs on January 1, 1928:—
CITY AND HILL DISTRICT WATER WORKS LEVEL.

	1927	1927
Tytam	12' 8" B	12' 8" B
Tytam Byewash	25' 4" B	26' 8" B
Tytam Intermediate Level		
Tytam Tuk	12' 11" B	22' 6" B
Wong Nei Chung	15' 2" B	15' 4" B
Foktulum	17' 11" B	18' 3" B
[Note: B. denotes "Below Overflow"; A. denotes "Above Overflow".]		
Storage in millions and decimals of gallons.		
	1927	1928
Tytam	278.72	285.76
Tytam Byewash	59	33
Tytam Intermediate	105.99	195.90
Tytam Tuk	1,121.75	828.88
Wong Nei Chung	13.59	13.46
Foktulum	28.36	25.83

Total 1,388.91 1,448.25
Consumption of water in the City and Hill District in millions and decimals of gallons during the month of December.

1926 1927
Consumption 244.29 271.53
Estimated population 407,020 417,940
Consumption per head per day 19.3 20.9

Full Supply in all Rides Main Districts during December 1927 with the exception of the districts West of Eastern Street where an intermittent supply was given from 4th to 31st December, 1927.
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KOWLOON WATER WORKS LEVEL.

	1927	1928
Kowloon Reservoir	7' 0" B	7' 4" B
Shek Lai Pui Reser.	0' 7" B	1' 1" B
Reception Reservoir	3' 4" B	2' 8" B
Storage in millions and decimals of gallons.		
	1927	1928
Kowloon Reservoir	288.50	280.42
Shek Lai Pui Reser.	98.40	96.87
Reception Reservoir	24.58	27.24
Total	406.48	404.03

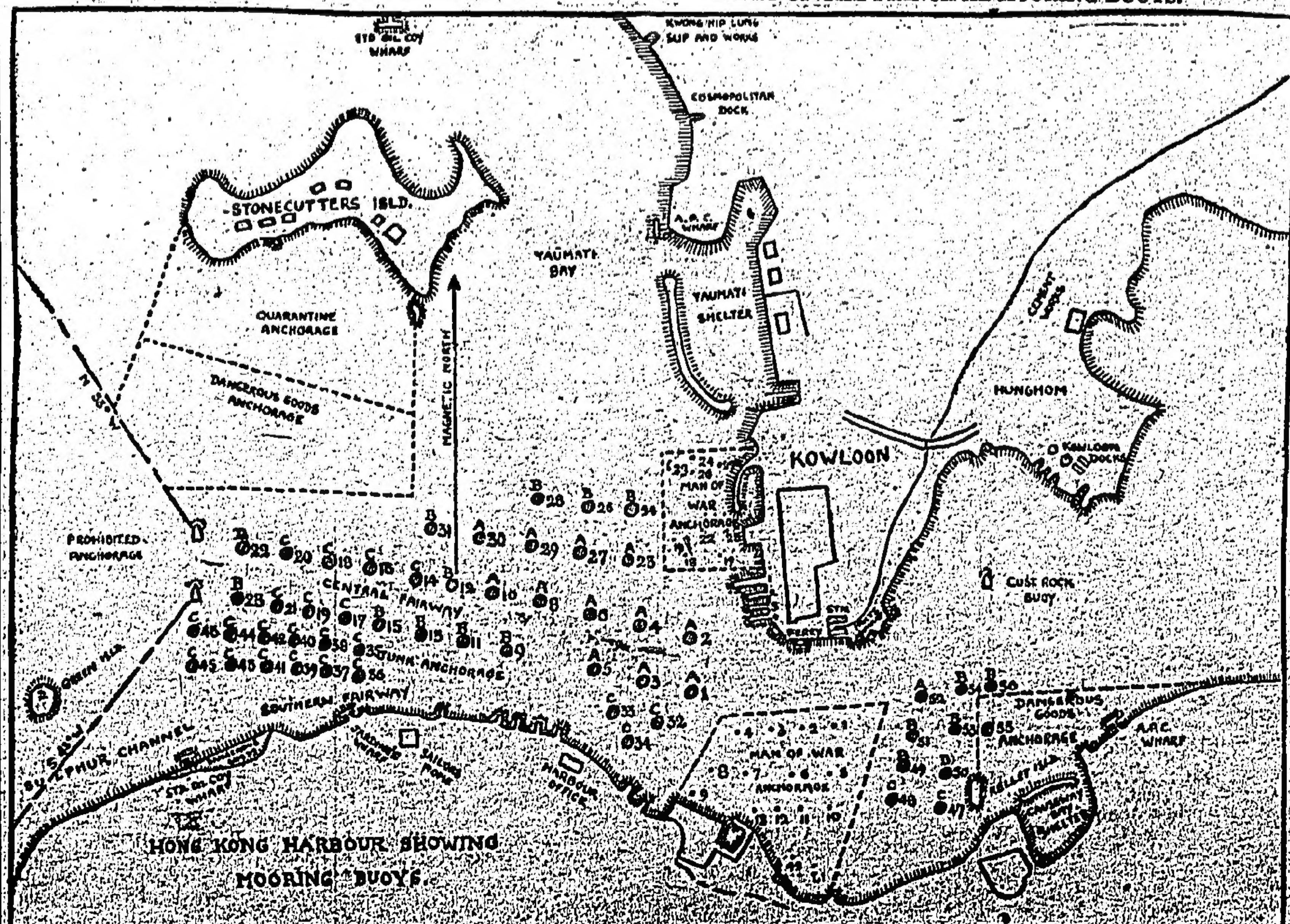
Consumption of water in Kowloon in millions and decimals of gallons during the month of December.

1926 1927
Consumption 74.29 75.03
Estimated population 168,440 169,380
per day 15.3 15.5

Full Supply in all districts during December, 1926 and 1927.
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THURSDAY ISLAND.

INTERESTING NOTES ON
ITS JUBILEE.

TRADE TO CHINA.

Fifty years is but a short span in the life of a country. In human life it is little more. Like the Morning Star we appear on the horizon, and quickly fade from view as the dawn of day spreads from the East across the heavenly vault. In early manhood our aspiration increases with the years; the romance of youth passes. Maturity is reached and the tragedy of old age sets in sooner or later. And this is precisely what happens to mother Earth, but the process of evolution is so slow that we fail to realise or comprehend it. Great civilisations appear and disappear. Worlds are born, and in their turn fall into decay. And so everything in Nature is constantly changing.

With this brief homily (says a writer in "The Queenslander"), let me introduce the reader to the capital of our coral-bound possessions in the Torres Straits, Thursday Island. In pre-Federal times Australia's northern outpost was at Somerset, Cape York, where Frank Jardine was acting Police Magistrate. The locality, however, proved unsuitable, and after a search of the Prince of Wales Group, Thursday Island, called by the native "War Ben" or Dry Island, was selected for the new settlement, on the report of C. D'Oyly Aplin, Port Kennedy on the south side of the island was chosen by Commander Heath for the site of the harbour, and in 1875 the Government buildings at Somerset were removed under the superintendence of Mr. John McClay, the contractor being Mr. E. Chapman. The following year H. M. Chester travelled from Somerset to the new station in the Government cutter, "Lizzie Jardine."

A Commanding Position.
Thursday Island lies in the heart of the Prince of Wales Group, about 22 miles north-west from Cape York, and may aptly be described as the gateway of the Torres Strait to the East, New Guinea, Samarai, and Port Darwin. Some 85 years ago the calling of the British India Overseas mail boats made it a busier port than it is to-day, and it was then that occurred the tragic loss of the Quetta, on an uncharted rock pinnacle in Mr. Adolphus Channel, east of Albany Island. Among the passengers were Mr. and Mrs. Watson, of Measara, Watson, Ferguson and Co., who were carrying the writer's manuscript of "British New Guinea," for publication in London. The story of the

wreck, and of the heroic swim of Miss Lacy, is well known.

The Open Northern Gate.
In area and coastline, Thursday Island is a more spec compared with many scattered over the waters of Torres Straits and the Coral Sea, navigable channels being necessarily clearly charted.

On a journey up the Queensland coast, where for hundreds of miles of beautiful country, there is no sign of human habitation, one wonders what would be the fate of our boasted White Australia Policy were our Asiatic neighbours to get a foothold on or demand the right to occupy and develop the country now lying idle. Such a serious position must inevitably materialise if we blindly persist in neglecting to fill up the empty spaces that menace Australia's security and welfare.

The ship passes historical Cooktown, and the Lizard Island, of eagle memory, where Mrs. Watson and her child perished, attempting to escape massacre by the natives in a ship's tank, which is preserved in the Brisbane Museum. Albany Island reminds of the sad fate of the explorer Kennedy and his faithful black boy Jacky Jacky. Two others of Kennedy's expedition perished at Albany, which later was the scene of an attempt at the artificial culture of pearls and oysters by Saville, Kent, and Tosh.

A Picturesque Spot.
Thursday Island is small in extent, probably not exceeding 900 acres, but important in position. About two-thirds of the area, the north-eastern and north-western portions, are reserved for defence purposes. The town faces Ellis Channel on the south side, and has good natural drainage. Victoria Parade extends along the waterfront, and most of the streets bear historical names, Kennedy, Douglas, Chester, Milman, and Jardine. The unimproved town property is valued at about \$30,000. There is a fine "T-end" jetty for the accommodation of shipping. The business part of the town stretches along the waterfront, and the residential area are on the hillsides behind. The harbour is completely landlocked, and thus well protected, but strong tides sometimes impede the movements of shipping.

Pearling Industry.
The pearling industry and associated marine products forms the chief commercial activity of the island, and is most profitable. Methods of working have changed, however. In the early days shell was plentiful on Warrior reef, exposed at low water. It was rich in pearls, so that beche-de-mer, the original objective, was neglected for pearling. Schooners returned to their home ports filled to the hatches, and others hastened to the reefs and shallow waters of the straight to reap the harvest. As the Warrior reef deposit became ex-

hausted other adjacent shallow waters had to be explored, and this was done by local swimming divers and by Pacific Islanders. Gradually the pearlers were forced into deeper waters, necessitating the use of diving apparatus, and there was keen competition between the original swimmers and the divers. Some swimmers, equipped with water-tight goggles, still work successfully from small craft. The swimmers believe that sharks follow diving vessels and keep at safe distance from them. The divers, on the other hand, fear the proper with its horrible appearance, more than the shark. It is usually found on rocky bottoms, and when it is signalled as a "dangerous sea monster," the fleet will sail away. The use of diving apparatus and the system of working from a central schooner were brought back from Western Australia in 1890, and are still in use, the fleet thus organised being mobile and self-contained.

In March, 1899, the schooners and luggers at Bathurst Bay were overwhelmed by a terrific hurricane, over 300 lives being lost, including those of one of the Outridge brothers, and a nephew engaged in the industry.

Jubilee Celebrations.
The jubilee of the Thursday Island settlement was celebrated recently, the festivities being inaugurated on Thursday evening, September 15, by the local branch of the Royal Geographical Society in the form of a conversation and ball in the town hall, and concluded with an imposing procession and a representation of the landing of H.M. "Chester" on the Saturday morning. These events have been reported already in the "Courier."

A Healthy Climate.
The island has an exceptionally healthy climate. The rapidly circulating tidal waters surrounding it effectively combat continental extremes of temperature, and only during the humid monsoonal season is any degree of discomfort felt. From April to December the south-east trades are energetic, and weather conditions are delightful. Immunity from house flies and mosquitoes is another advantage enjoyed by residents of the island, which, while not perhaps an earthly paradise, is certainly one of the most delightful spots on the Australian coast.

The great need on Thursday Island, as in other parts of Queensland, is the establishment of secondary industries to handle the marine products of Torres Strait and of the Barrier Reef. It is a blot on the national character and a great reflection on the enterprise of the people of Queensland to have to admit that, to be utilised, the natural pearl shell, trochus shell, and associated products, must be exported to the factories of London, America, Japan, and China.

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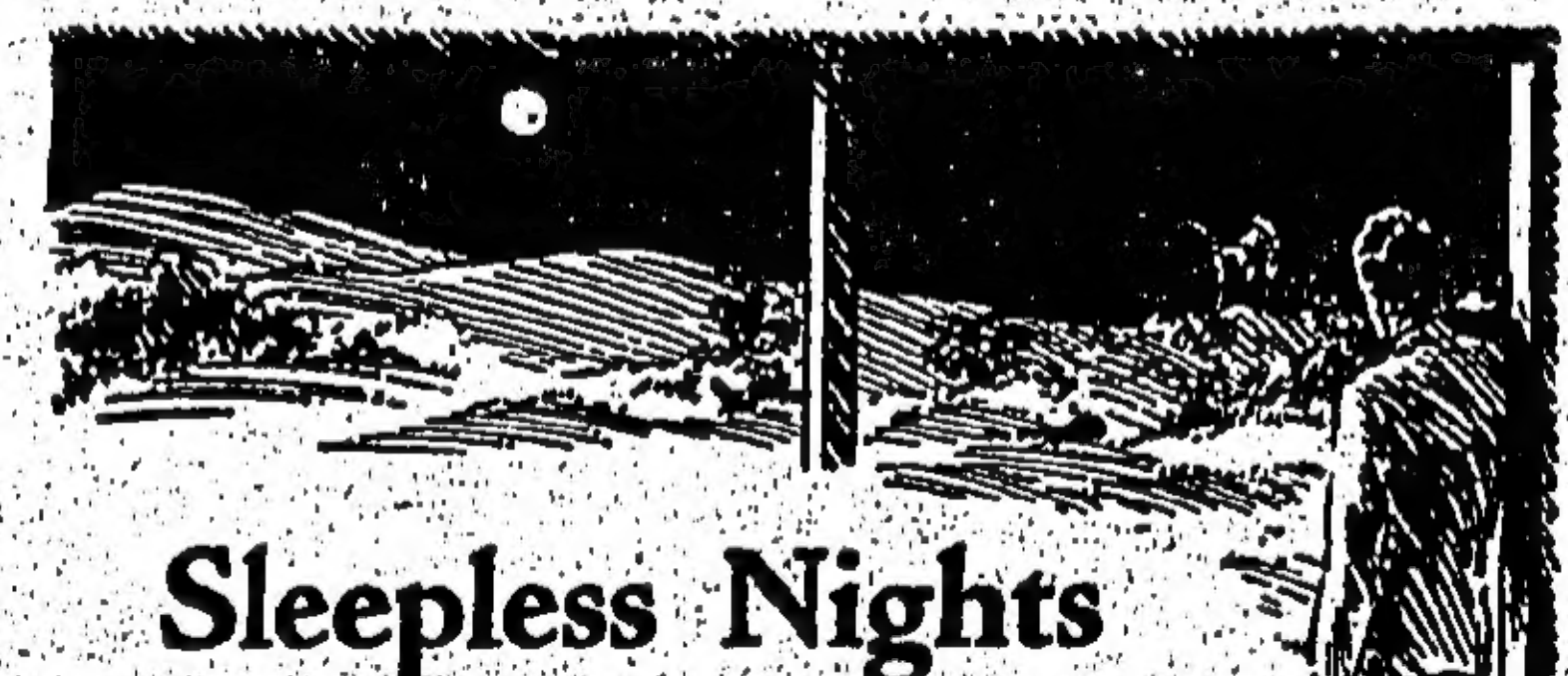
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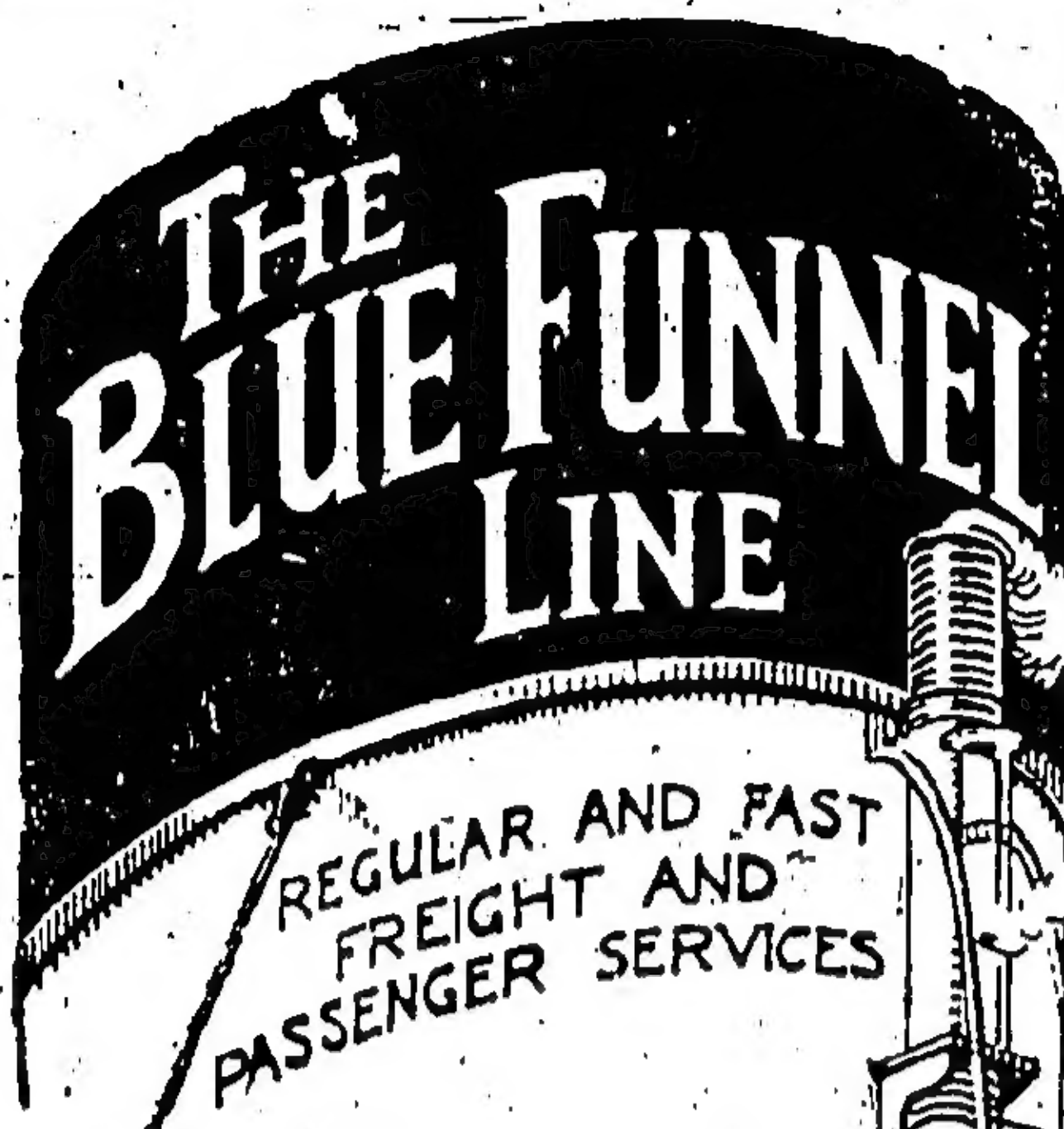
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Japan & Shanghai	17	Chenonceaux.
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For	MONDAY, JANUARY	Per
*Shanghai & Japan	16	Nellore
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, Canada, U.S.A., C. & S. Africa & Europe via San Francisco—due San Francisco, 9th Feb. & Europe via Siberia—Parcels 3 p.m. Registration 4.15 p.m. Letters 5 p.m.	16	Pres. Grant.
Samshui & Wuchow	17	Tai Hing
Amoy	17	Shanai
Hoihow, Pakhoi & Haiphong	17	Menado Maru
Saigon, Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt & Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 17th Feb. K.P.O.—Registration 10 a.m. Letters 1 p.m. G.P.O.—Registration 12.45 p.m. Letters 1.30 p.m.	17	Chenonceaux.
Shanghai	18	Kanchow
Amoy	18	Shantung
Manila	18	Pres. Lincoln
Swatow	18	Hangsang
Amoy	18	Kutang
Swatow, Amoy & Formosa	18	Taiwa Maru
Manila, Australia & New Zealand via Thursday Island—due Thursday Island, 30th Jan. Registration 8.45 a.m. Letters 9.30 a.m.	18	Aki Maru.
Java via Latavia	19	Tjisalak
Samshui & Wuchow	19	Kong Ning
Swatow	20	Hai Ning
Japan	20	Mishima Maru
Manila	20	Emp. of Canada
Samshui & Wuchow	20	Tai Ming

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PAN-AMERICANISM.

Defence of the Monroe Doctrine.

COLOMBIA'S ATTITUDE.

Questions Of United States Policy Raised.

Washington, Yesterday.
A telegram from Bogota says that the Chancellor of Colombia, interviewed, declared that he had instructed the Colombian delegates to remain neutral in the event of a discussion as to the United States' attitude toward Nicaragua.

Colombia has long cherished feelings of resentment against the United States in view of the latter's recognition of the revolution whereby Panama broke away from Colombia and formed a separate Republic, making it possible for the United States to build the Panama Canal. Hence, if the Colombian delegates remain neutral it is believed very unlikely that many other delegations from Latin America will stoutly oppose Pan-American policy of the United States.

Twenty-one Republics will be represented at the conference. — Reuter's American Service.

Two Russians Arrested.
New York, Yesterday.

A telegram from Havana states that the police have arrested two Russians who are alleged to have arrived from Mexico for the purpose of fomenting trouble when President Coolidge arrives tomorrow for the Pan-American Conference. — Reuter's American Service.

Coolidge Arrives.
Havana, Yesterday.

The battleship "Texas," with President Coolidge on board, arrived from Key West, being enthusiastically ovated by immense crowds, to attend the sixth Pan-American Conference. — Reuter's American Service.

Monroe Doctrine Defended.
Hava, Yesterday.

President Machado declared that it is outside the competence of the Pan-American Conference to judge the general policy of the United States in respect of the latter's intervention in the affairs of small States. Moreover, he regarded the Monroe doctrine as the noble action of a President of the United States to prevent the reconquest of America, and it ought to be maintained. — Reuter's American Service.

TELEVISION.

DEMONSTRATION WITH NEW APPARATUS.

A GREAT ADVANCE.

New York, Saturday.
A number of scientists yesterday evening witnessed a demonstration designed to prove that television has almost sufficiently advanced for general introduction into the home.

On a machine a small plate was shown which presently became luminous and the face of a man manipulating a machine at electrical works three miles away grew visible. He was smoking a cigar, the smoke of which was seen ascending. His remarks were distinctly heard.

The face of a young woman then appeared. She was playing a mandoline, the notes of which were clearly audible. When she showed a book its illustrations were plainly visible.

It is admitted that the apparatus is not yet ready for the market but it is stated that it will be an advance on anything of the kind hitherto discovered. — Reuter's American Service.

CRIME WAVE.

OVER THREE HUNDRED ARRESTS.

FORTY MURDERS.

Paris, Yesterday.
The big round up of alleged criminals in Sicily recalls the recent Mafia trial. The "Journal" states that over 300 have been arrested in several communes in the neighbourhood of Agrigento, and they are credited with 40 murders and hundreds of other crimes. — Reuter.

BROUGHT BACK.

Chinese Who Escaped From Jail.

SCALED PRISON WALL.

Fourth Refugee Reported Shot In Canton.

Three of the four Chinese prisoners who effected a daring escape from Victoria Jail on the afternoon of November 14 last year, by scaling the wall of the new prison building, were traced in Canton by local detectives and arrested by the Chinese police last week.

The men who arrived here from Canton yesterday under a heavy escort of local and Chinese police were Li Pui, Chan Chan-chau and Ho Lu.

The fourth man was reported to have been shot dead by Canton police whilst they were attempting to effect his arrest.

LOST AIRMEN.

WARSHIPS GIVE UP THE SEARCH.

NO TRACE FOUND.

Wellington, Yesterday.
After searching 24,000 square miles of the warships which have been searching for the Hood-Moncrieff aeroplane are returning to port, having failed to find any trace of it, but the search on land is continuing most vigorously. — Reuter.

[A Wellington cable published on Thursday stated: Another ocean flying tragedy is feared owing to a lack of news of the fate of the Australian airmen Captain Hood and Lieutenant Moncrieff who yesterday attempted a fly from Sydney to New Zealand. It is still a mystery whether they crashed down at sea or reached an isolated spot in New Zealand.]

GREEK LOAN.

ISSUE IN A FORTNIGHT'S TIME.

GREAT BRITAIN'S SHARES.

Rugby, Yesterday.
Of the new Greek loan of £6,500,000 Great Britain's share will be about £3,500,000. It will bear interest at six per cent, and will be offered for public subscription in about a fortnight's time. The remainder will be raised in America, France, Italy, and possibly Sweden.

The loan will be devoted to three objects—the stabilisation of Greek exchange, refugee funds, and balancing the Budget. The revenues securing the loan will be under the control of the International Financial Commission in Athens as in the case of previous loans. — British Wireless Service.

AMERICA & FRANCE.

BAN REMOVED IN FRENCH 'FLOTATION.'

A FRIENDLY ACTION.

Washington, Yesterday.
The ban against the flotation of French industrial securities, imposed three years ago in consequence of France's failure to fund the war debt, has now been officially removed. The reasons for this are removed, but it is attributed to the newspapers' demonstration of friendship for France. The question of French Government loans is not mentioned.

The State Department notification to bankers and Wall Street was a most interesting development, which will probably result in Americans on a big-scale financing French industries. — Reuter.

PROFESSOR'S DEATH.

Boston, Yesterday.
The death is announced of Professor Archibald Cory Coolidge. — Reuter's American Service.

RETURNS TOO SOON.

A Chinese who was banished from the Colony on July 6, 1925, for a period of five years, was this morning sentenced by Mr. Roger Edward Lindell to eight months' hard labour for returning before his banishment term had expired.

THOMAS HARDY.

Heart Taken From Body.

CREMATION CEREMONY.

Ashes To Be Interred In Westminster.

Rugby, Saturday.
An eleventh hour alteration in the arrangements for the burial of the late Mr. Thomas Hardy was made last night.

It was decided to place the famous novelist's heart in the churchyard of Stinsford, near Dorchester, and to inter the ashes in Westminster Abbey.

The decision represents a compromise between the views of Hardy's own people in Dorsetshire, including several relatives who desired him to be buried in his own countryside, and those who took the view that the great writer belonged not to Wessex alone but to the whole nation.

The decision is in keeping with Hardy's own wish, the opening words of his will were: "I desire to be buried in Stinsford Church."

A doctor removed the heart last night. Numerous other instances of burial of the heart apart from the body are recorded by history, but such cases have been very rare in modern times. The tragic fate of the poet Shelley is recalled. When Shelley's body was cast ashore near Viareggio in July, 1822, it was for the time buried in sand. Later in the presence of Byron, Hunt and Trelawney it was cremated to permit the interment of the ashes in the Protestant Cemetery at Rome. The heart which would not burn was snatched from the flames by Trelawney. It was given to Mary Shelley and is now at Bourne-mouth. — British Wireless Service.

The Pall-Bearers.

London, Sunday.
It is officially stated that the pall-bearers at the funeral in the Abbey on Monday will be Mr. Baldwin, Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, Mr. Rudyard Kipling, Sir James Barrie, Mr. Bernard Shaw, Mr. John Galsworthy, Sir Edmund Gosse, Professor A. E. Housman, for the Provost of Queen's College, Oxford, and the Master of Magdalene College, Cambridge. — Reuter.

Cremation Ceremony.

The coffin containing the remains of Thomas Hardy was conveyed yesterday by road from his home at Max Gate, Dorchester, to Woking, where the cremation took place. The ceremony was simple and brief. Sir James Barrie and a friend, Mr. Gilmour, with the local Free Church Minister, were the only witnesses. In the afternoon Sir James Barrie and Mr. Gilmour left for London, where they handed the urn containing Mr. Hardy's ashes to the Westminster Abbey authorities.

To-morrow at two o'clock, simultaneously, the ashes will be buried in the poets' corner at Westminster Abbey, whilst Mr. Hardy's heart will be interred in a bronze casket in the grave of his first wife at Stinsford, near Dorchester—the Millstock of his books.

Mr. Hardy will be the first novelist to be buried in the Abbey since Dickens, and the first poet since Tennyson. — British Wireless Service.

AGENTS "PLUCKED."

PROHIBITION COMMISSIONER DISTRESSED.

Washington, Saturday.
Prohibition Commissioner Ryan is distressed because 1,500 out of his force of 2,000 agents have failed to pass the Civil Service examination legally required of them. Mr. Ryan fears that the dismissal of the delinquents may be ordered and asks whether an easier examination is not possible. He says that he could not have passed this one himself and is of opinion that men should be accepted owing to character, experience and personality and not because they can pass a written test. — Reuter's American Service.

'QUAKE SHOCKS.

NO SERIOUS DAMAGE IN BELGIUM.

Brussels, Saturday.
Two earthquake shocks occurred yesterday night east of the province of Liege, North Luxembourg, and the neighbourhood of Brussels. No serious damage was done and there were no casualties. — Reuter.



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